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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Voice for grassroots organizing is MLK speaker at Manchester

Tayna Fogle will tell her story and share lessons in the Power of Voice: Darkest Past Now Greatest Asset at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. It is free and open to the public.

## Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 5

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana.

## Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

## Sam Piercy to perform Thursday

Come and listen to a variety of classical piano music, performed by Sam Piercy. The event starts at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St.

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# Charley Creek Inn celebrates a century

Series of festive events and promotions planned throughout 2020

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

This year, Charley Creek Inn, in downtown Wabash will celebrate its centennial all year long, according to Howard Kaler, general manager.

## History

Early last month, as city workers were hanging 100th-anniversary signs on the outside of the building, Kari Highley, director of marketing and sales, said the facility currently has 30 rooms, each of which is individually appointed.

But, Kaler stated, the building has undergone several renovations before it arrived in its current form.

"The Georgian Revival gem opened its doors May 6, 1920, as Hotel Indiana," he stated. "After falling into disrepair throughout many lively decades, the gracious hotel obtained a new lease on life in 2007, when local philanthropist and historic preservation aficionado Richard E. Ford, of the Ford Meter Box family, bought the building and renovated it to perfection. In honor of the milestone, the charming, boutique hotel is inviting travelers to enjoy Wabash's original central landmark with a memorial Centennial Package. The historic hotel will also mark the anniversary with a series of events and special promotions throughout the year."

## Anniversary package

Kaler stated that the anniversary package starts at \$225 and lasts throughout 2020. The package includes an overnight stay, \$50 resort credit, a commemorative 100th Anniversary collective wine gift box with two glasses and choice of "Centennial Cuvee" Dry Red Table Wine or "Centennial White Blend" Semi-Sweet White Table Wine.

"Charley Creek Inn has teamed up with 2019 Indiana Winery of the Year, Country Heritage Winery of LaOtto, Indiana, to create these two signature wines that express the best characteristics of the Midwestern climate and soil where they are grown," stated Kaler. "These signatures will



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Early last month, city workers hang 100th-anniversary signs on the outside of the building.

also be available for purchase by the glass and bottle from the Wine & Cheese Shoppe and Twenty Restaurant.

The Green Hat Lounge, uniting an exquisite blend of modernism with the Prohibition era, will celebrate the anniversary with a signature Centennial Cocktail, the "Wabash Cannonball." A spin on El Presidente, which was popular the same decade as Charley Creek Inn opened, it's made from Bacardi Tanagerine Rum, Captain Morgan Pineapple Rum, Luxardo Cherry Liqueur, Elderflower Liqueur, lemon juice, apple cider, bitters, and Crème de Menthe."

Kaler stated to mark the occasion, Charley Creek Inn is extending hospitality by giving away one free lunch a week to guests who enter their business card in a drawing.

"Also, guests who spend at least \$100 during a visit (excluding banquet, gift card or hotel room purchases)

will be entered in a quarterly drawing for a more elaborate prize, including the opportunity for a private dinner for four in the Cloud Club, wine tasting for 12 in The Courtyard, birthday party in the Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe, or overnight stay in a deluxe suite with Executive Chef Eric Wilson preparing a private dinner in the room," he stated.

## Additional events

Kaler stated that several food and entertainment events are also scheduled throughout the year:

■ Cloud Club Garden Party at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21. "Savor breathtaking views of downtown Wabash and enjoy butler passed

hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails during this elegant social gathering," he stated.

■ First Friday Centennial Celebration, Friday, May 1: "Explore Indiana's No. 7 Main Street, First Friday festival dedicated this month to honoring Charley Creek Inn's 100th Anniversary. Festivities will launch with an airplane towing a commemorative banner through downtown. Charley Creek Inn will host hotel tours from 5-8 p.m., offer complimentary passed hors d'oeuvres in the lobby, and sample their signature wines in the Wine & Cheese Shoppe. A trivia contest for a chance to win \$50 will be conducted. The 2018 Voice of Wabash County winner, Dakota Ray Parker, will perform in The Courtyard," he stated.

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## Wabash again eligible to apply for Stellar program

However, because awards now regional, 35 percent would be awarded to the city

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

After first winning the Stellar Communities Program award in 2014, Wabash is once again eligible to apply for the grant. However, because awards are now regional, the city would only receive a percentage of the total if they were to win, stated Bev Vanderpool, assistant to Mayor Scott Long, in response to a Plain Dealer request.

In August 2014, Wabash was one of two Indiana cities named Stellar Communities Designees for that year.

The Stellar Communities Program is a collaboration between the Indiana Housing

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## Manchester to host Tournées international film festival

Six films set to play between Feb. 13 and March 12

By **ANNE GREGORY**

Manchester University offers the Tournées Film Festival, a series of six films by francophone directors, between Thursday, Feb. 13 and Thursday, March 12 on its North Manchester campus.

The films are all free and open to the public. Manchester Activities Council will provide refreshments, and campus organizations have planned activities to accompany each event.

"Le Retour du Héros" ("Return of the Hero"): 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, Cordier Auditorium

This romantic comedy directed by Laurent Tirard kicks off the festival. It is a period piece about a swashbuckling conman and his attempts to pass himself off as a war hero. Slapstick antics ensue as Capt. Neuville attempts to keep up

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## First Friday themes through July released

### February's theme will be 'fire'

By **STAFF REPORT**

The themes for the downtown First Friday celebrations through July have been released, according to Kryston Henderson, market master and events coordinator for Wabash Farmers' Market and Downtown Events:

February: 'Fire'

■ Pyroscope Entertainment will wander and perform from 6 to 7 p.m., with a performance at 7 p.m. on Miami Street.

March: 'Hooray for Hollywood'

■ "Eagles Theatre will be having a much-anticipated opening. They will be playing the classic movie, 'Wizard of Oz,'" stated Henderson.

April: 'Spring Break'

■ "Beachy vibe, think Hawaiian shirts, leis, sand and sunglasses. Hopefully, we will all be in our shorts and flip flops by then," stated Henderson.

May: 'Art in the Street'

■ There will be an art wrap dedication and promotion of public art. Also, Charley Creek Inn will celebrate 100 years.

June: 'Paint the Plow'

July: 'Dancing in the Streets'

■ "The Bulldogs will be performing," stated Henderson.

## Art reception to honor Erika Ford

Public opening to be held at Borders and Beyond Gallery

By **STAFF REPORT**

Visit Wabash County will be hosting an art reception honoring local artist Erika Ford on the completion of her latest piece, according to a press release.

The reception is open to the public and will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Borders and Beyond, 24 W. Canal St.

"Erika Ford has most



Provided photo

32-inch by 14.7-inch prints of Ford's "stunning" Wabash triptych painting are available for pre-purchase for \$40 in advance of the reception by going to [visitwabashcounty.com](http://visitwabashcounty.com) and clicking on 'Wabash Art', calling 260-563-7171 or stopping in the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center.

recently created a triptych piece that encompasses some of her favorite and most iconic places in Wabash," stated the release. "Sketches throughout the

process will be displayed, and Ford will be available to chat with about her story behind the triptych. The

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# Hong Kong reports virus death as workers strike at hospitals

By **KEN MORITSUGU**  
Associated Press

BEIJING — Hong Kong hospitals cut services as thousands of medical workers went on strike for a second day Tuesday to demand the border with mainland China be shut completely. The new virus caused its first death in the semi-autonomous territory, adding to growing fears it is spreading locally.

All but two of Hong Kong’s land and sea crossings with the mainland were closed at midnight after thousands of hospital workers went on strike Monday. Hong Kong health authorities reported two additional patients without any known travel to the virus epicenter, bringing the number of locally transmitted cases to four.

The growing caseload “indicates significant risk of community transmission” and could portend a “large-scale” outbreak, said Chuang Shuk-kwan, head of the communicable disease branch at the Center for Health Protection.

More than 7,000 health workers joined the strike Tuesday, according to the Hospital Authority Employees’ Alliance, the strike organizer.

Hong Kong was hit hard by the 2002-2003 outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, a virus from the same family as the current outbreak. Trust in Chinese authorities has plummeted following months of anti-government protests in the Asian financial hub.

The territory’s beleaguered leader, Carrie Lam, criticized the strike and said the government was doing all it could to limit the flow of people across the border.

“Important services, critical operations have been affected,” including cancer treatment and care for newborns, Lam told reporters. “So I’m appealing to those who are taking part in this action: Let’s put the interests of the patients and the entire public health system above all other things.”

China reported 425 deaths and 20,438 confirmed cases, up sharply from the previous day. Outside mainland China, at least 180 cases have been confirmed, including two fatalities, the one in Hong Kong and another in the Philippines.

The patient who died in Hong Kong was a 39-year-old man who had traveled to Wuhan, the mainland city where the outbreak started.

The Hospital Authority said Tuesday he had pre-existing health conditions but gave no details.

Most deaths have been among the elderly and those with other health problems, authorities said. More than 80 percent were over 60 years old, and more than 75 percent had an underlying disease, Jiao Yahui, a National Health Commission official, told a news conference Tuesday.

Dr. David Heymann, who led the World Health Organization’s response to the SARS outbreak, said it’s too early to tell when the new virus will peak, but that it appears to still be on the increase.

He said the spike in China’s caseload in recent days is partly attributable to the fact that officials have expanded their search to include milder cases, not only people with pneumonia. He declined to predict whether the virus would ultimately cause a pandemic, or worldwide outbreak. WHO defines a pandemic as sustained transmission of a disease in at least two world regions.

Heymann said as the new virus starts to spread beyond China, scientists will gain a better understanding of it. “What we will see is the clearer natural history of the disease,” he said, as those exposed to the virus “are being traced and watched very closely,” he said.

Nevertheless, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus urged countries to share more data on infections outside China, adding that detailed information has been provided in only 38 percent of cases.

In particular, he said, “some high-income countries are well behind in sharing this vital data with WHO. ... Without better data, it’s very hard for us to assess how the outbreak is evolving or what impact it could have and to ensure we’re providing the most appropriate recommendations.”

In Wuhan, patients were being transferred to a new 1,000-bed hospital that was built in just 10 days, its prefabricated wards equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment and ventilation systems. A 1,500-bed hospital also specially built is due to open soon.

Elsewhere in the city, authorities were converting a gymnasium, exhibition hall and cultural center into hospitals with a total of 3,400 beds to treat patients with mild symptoms. Television video showed beds placed

in tight rows in cavernous rooms without any barriers between them.

Authorities hope that will help relieve what is being described as an overwhelmed public health system in Wuhan and surrounding areas.

One man, Fang Bin, said he saw wards so crowded during a visit to the city’s No. 5 Hospital on Saturday that some patients were forced to sit on the ground.

“There are too many patients, it’s overcrowded,” Fang told The Associated Press. He said he was taken from his home and questioned by police after he posted a video of what he saw online.

Thailand confirmed six more cases Tuesday, raising its total to 25, the highest outside China. Two were motorcycle taxi drivers who had driven for Chinese tourists. Earlier a Thai taxi driver was also diagnosed with the virus. The cases are concerning because they suggest the virus can spread more easily between people.

WHO officials reported slower progress than expected in equipping laboratories across Africa to test for the new virus. No confirmed cases have been reported on the continent, but WHO health security adviser Dr. Ambrose Talisuna said the risk is “very, very high.”

China has struggled to maintain supplies of face masks, along with protective suits and other items, as it seeks to enforce temperature checks at homes, offices, shops and restaurants, require masks be worn in public and keep more than 50 million people from leaving home in Wuhan and neighboring cities.

The European Union office in Beijing said member states have shipped 12 tons of protective equipment to China, with more on the way.

Japanese health officials, meanwhile, were conducting medical checks on some 3,700 passengers and crew on board a cruise ship docked off the coast of Yokohama after a passenger tested positive after leaving the vessel while it was in Hong Kong. At least 133 people who have symptoms or had close contact with the infected man have been identified and any confirmed to have the virus will be sent to hospitals for isolation treatment, health ministry officials said.

*Associated Press writers Alice Fung in Hong Kong, Mari Yamaguchi in Tokyo and Maria Cheng in London contributed to this report.*

# Man seeks to have conviction overturned with new testimony

GARY (AP) — A Gary man testified that a now-dead man gave him a video recording of his confession to killing five people in 2000, a crime for which another man is serving 300 years in prison.

Cleveland C. Bynum, 37, was convicted of murder in 2001 for the shooting deaths of Angela Wallace, 24, her sister Suzanne Wallace, 34, who were both from Gary. Bynum, then 22, was also convicted of killing 37-year-old Sheila R. Bartee and 24-year-old Anthony Jeffers, also from Gary, and Elizabeth Daily-Ayers, 37, of Hobart.

Bynum’s attorney, Frances Watson, filed a successive petition for post-conviction relief in 2016 for Bynum, who maintains his innocence and is seeking to overturn his conviction. Lake Criminal Magistrate Natalie Bokota on Monday heard testimony

for the relief, The Times of Northwest Indiana reported.

Roger Shannon testified Gerald Mathews gave him with a cellphone that contained a video recording of Mathews confessing to killing the five people. Shannon said in his testimony that Mathews instructed him to provide the video and his confession letter to the proper authorities if something happened to him. Shannon testified that he mailed the

cellphone to Frances Watson, Bynum’s attorney, after Mathews was killed in 2014.

In the video, Mathews said he killed first killed a woman named Liz and another named Sheila, and killed three other people to prevent them from reporting him to authorities. He said he knew an “innocent man” was serving time for the killings, and he hoped the families could find it in their hearts to forgive him.

**Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 31- Thursday, February 6**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

<b>The Gentlemen (R)</b> Fri: 6:30, 9:20 Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20 Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30 Mon- Thurs: 6:30	<b>1917 (R)</b> Fri: 7:10, 9:50 Sat: 1:30, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50 Sun: 1:30, 4:05, 7:10 Mon- Thurs: 7:10	<b>Dolittle (PG)</b> Fri: 7:00, 9:30 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00 Mon- Thurs: 7:00
<b>Gretel and Hansel (PG13)</b> Fri: 6:40, 9:10 Sat: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10 Sun: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40 Mon- Thurs: 6:40	<b>Bad Boys for Life (R)</b> Fri: 6:50, 9:40 Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40 Sun: 1:30, 3:55, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50	

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

<b>Wednesday</b> Scattered Snow 32 / 24	<b>Thursday</b> Snow Likely 31 / 22	<b>Friday</b> Mostly Cloudy 29 / 24	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Cloudy 30 / 23	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly Cloudy 32 / 24

#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:10 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:53 a.m.

Full 2/9	Last 2/15	New 2/23	First 3/2

#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 55% chance of scattered snow, high temperature of 32°, humidity of 65%. Northeast wind 10 to 13 mph. Snow accumulation of less than one inch possible. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of snow, overnight low of 24°. North northeast wind 8 to 11 mph.

# B12 vitamin vital to the body

**DEAR DOCTOR:** I’m 19 years old, and I switched to a vegan diet six months ago. I’m careful about getting enough vitamin B12. However, some of my girlfriends say it’s not that important and your body makes all the B12 you need. Is that true?

**DEAR READER:** This is a serious issue, and the answer is that nothing your friends are telling you about



vitamin B12 is correct. In fact, their advice puts you and any vegans who heed it in real danger. First, vitamin B12 is vital to good health. (More about that in a moment.) And no, your body does not manufacture it. That makes it imperative for everyone following a plant-based diet to make getting adequate B12 a priority.

For those not familiar with the specifics, a vegan diet excludes all animal-based food. That means no meat, fish, seafood, dairy products and eggs. The restrictions also cover honey, which comes from bees, and gelatin, a protein obtained from the bones and connective tissue of animals, often cows or pigs. Because B12 is naturally available only in the major animal products that vegans don’t eat, getting enough becomes a daily goal.

So what is B12 exactly? It’s the most complex of the 12 B vitamins, and it is categorized as an essential vitamin. That means the body requires it, but doesn’t make it. Instead, B12 is produced by certain bacteria that flourish in the gut microbiomes of animals. The B12 they make gets distributed throughout the animal’s body, where it binds to proteins. When you eat an egg, drink some milk or have a burger, the process of digestion releases the B12 from the animal protein and makes it available for your body to use. The vitamin is essential to a wide range of functions involved with the formation of normal red blood cells, the proper functioning of the nervous system and the synthesis of DNA.

A B12 deficiency can result in chronic weakness; mental issues such as poor

thinking, confusion or depression; heart palpitations; vision loss; exhaustion; pain and tingling in the extremities; loss of balance; muscle weakness; or difficulty walking. And it’s not just vegans who are at risk. As people age, their digestive systems become less efficient at extracting the nutrient. Those with digestive issues such as Crohn’s disease or celiac disease, immune system disorders such as lupus or Graves’ disease, and those who have had gastrointestinal surgery are also at increased risk of a B12 deficiency.

So how much B12 do we need? For the average teenager and adult, the magic number is 2.4 micrograms a day. Women who are breastfeeding need 2.8 micrograms per day. The

vitamin is available to vegans in vitamin supplements; fortified food products such as cereals, some plant milks and brewer’s yeast; and by prescription. The vitamin is not stored in the body, so it’s best to get it daily.

If you’re not sure about your B12 status, your health care provider can check your levels with a simple blood test.

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### Janice Sue Case

Oct. 15, 1940 – Feb. 3, 2020

Janice Sue Case, 79, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 1 a.m., Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 at her home. She was born Oct. 15, 1940 in Wabash, to Denzil and Thelma (Stair) Leming.



Janice was a graduate of Wabash High School. She married Carlos Ray Case in Wabash on Feb. 6, 1961; he died March 7, 2006. She was a homemaker. Janice was an avid Chicago Cubs Fan, and enjoyed raising chickens and cats.

She is survived by two daughters, Christina (Tracy) Enyeart and Jacqueline Case, both of Wabash, two grandchildren, Amanda (Terry) Smith of Huntington, Indiana, and Brandon (Crissy) Holmes of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and four

great-grandchildren, Caitlyn Downs and Jayden Smith, both of Huntington, Addysyn Holmes of Fort Wayne, and Bailey Heath of Huntington. She was also

preceded in death by her parents, son, Mark Case, and her sister, Doris Stair.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Richard King officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Cancer Society.

The memorial guest book for Janice may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### Elizabeth Nelda Ann ‘Betty’ Benjamin

Aug. 8, 1946 – Jan. 28, 2020

Funeral Services for Elizabeth Nelda Ann “Betty” Benjamin, 73, of Wabash, were 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Father Levi Nkwocha officiated, Susan Vanlandingham

was the musician. Pallbearers were her two sons, Dennis L. Benjamin and Walter C. Benjamin, and Jim Landis, and Evan Melching. Burial was in the Garden of St. Bernard in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

### Charles Eugene (Chuck) Winfield

April 24, 1949 – Jan. 25, 2020

Charles Eugene (Chuck) Winfield, 70, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at 7:57 a.m. at Lee Memorial Hospital in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Chuck was born April 24, 1949 in Wabash to Charles F. and Bonnie Winfield. Chuck was a 1967 graduate of Southwood High School and was proud to be an Army veteran, serving during the Vietnam era.

He married Marcia Pownall on March 4, 1972 at St. Matthews United Church of Christ in Wabash. Reverend David Blanke officiated.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Marcia and sons, Chad (April) Winfield of Leo, Indiana and Jason Winfield of Carmel, Indiana, three grandchildren and his favorite walking buddy, Snicker.

Early in his career Chuck was a lineman for Public Service Indiana in Wabash. He then followed in his dad’s footsteps and became an electrician who was well known for his trade in Wabash County.

Chuck enjoyed bowling and was on several leagues through the years. He also



coached the Little League Blue Jays and the Quality Electric women’s softball teams for several years.

As per Chuck’s request, his body is being donated to a medical research hospital so that many in the future may benefit from the knowledge gained. Also, his corneas were donated to the Lions Club Eye Bank to give the gift of sight.

Arrangements were handled by Gallaher American Family Funeral Home, Ft Myers, Florida

Chuck’s preferred memorial gift is to the Wabash County Animal Shelter.

### PENDING SERVICES

**Margaret Courtney:** 75, of Hartford City, passed away on Feb. 3, 2020. Services are

pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

## Senator drops push to force Indiana marijuana prosecutions

By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A Republican state senator has dropped a proposal attacking what he called “social justice prosecution” by empowering Indiana’s attorney general to appoint special prosecutors to take over criminal cases that local authorities decide they won’t pursue.

The proposal followed the Indianapolis prosecutor’s new policy of not pressing charges for possessing small amounts of marijuana as Republicans who control the Statehouse remain firm against marijuana legalization as has happened in Michigan and Illinois.

The bill sponsored by Republican Sen. Mike Young of Indianapolis died when he didn’t call it for action before a legislative deadline on Monday. That came a week after the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council argued the proposal wrongly usurped the discretion that county prosecutors must have about how to use

their staff and budgets on which cases to pursue.

Democratic Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced in September that his office wouldn’t pursue charges against adults for possessing about 1 ounce or less of marijuana, saying the office would focus on prosecuting violent crimes. Since then, officials in northwestern Indiana’s Lake County started considering whether to give sheriff’s deputies the discretion to write a \$50 to \$250 ticket for small levels of marijuana, instead of taking someone to jail.

Young said Tuesday that other states had a variety of ways for higher officials to intervene in criminal prosecutions and that he would seek to have a special committee review the issue after this year’s legislative session. Young said his proposal wasn’t just about Mears’ action and that it could also cover a situation such as a prosecutor deciding not to pursue violations of the state hate crimes law adopted last year.

### PULSE

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#### United Methodist Church plans community dinner

The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs are available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot.

#### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

#### LaFontaine Lions to host breakfast

The LaFontaine Lions Club is set to host a breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m., or until it’s gone, Saturday, Feb. 8 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes (on request), juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building. Lions also collect old glasses, hearing aids and keys.

#### Experience 120 years of local agricultural history

The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will be hosting John Hartsough at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Assembly Room of Timbercrest Senior Living, 2201 East St., North Manchester. There is no charge for attendance.

#### Wabash River water quality meeting planned

The project focused on assessing, protecting and

improving water quality; engaging individuals interested in the Wabash River drainage; and developing a step-wise plan for the Wabash River drainage will host its final public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center. For more information, email Sara Peel at [wabashriverdefenders@gmail.com](mailto:wabashriverdefenders@gmail.com) or Jen Rankin at [jrankin@slashtethrash.com](mailto:jrankin@slashtethrash.com).

#### Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet

The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org) or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

#### Woman’s Clubhouse to host monthly luncheon

The Woman’s Clubhouse along with the Sew Peaceful Quilt Club will host its monthly luncheon at noon Feb. 11. The program will be a prize and gift day with games and surprises. The Bash Boutique is our sponsor and will provide one of our gifts. Please make your reservations by phone with Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

#### Blanket Binders event scheduled

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Use your love of quilting to help others and enjoy the fellowship of other sewers. The quilts are given to local people in need. Bring your sewing machine and a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

#### Experience ‘President Lincoln’ on his birthday

Celebrate President Lincoln’s birthday from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Murray Cox as President Abraham Lincoln. Pre-registration is required if staying for lunch with President Lincoln. Lunch reservation deadline is at noon Monday, Feb. 10. The cost for lunch is

\$4.50 for those 60 years of age and under; over 60 by donation.

#### State of Our Communities to celebrate 2019, share plans for 2020

Grow Wabash County will be hosting the third annual State of Our Communities event on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8 a.m. The event should conclude around 10 a.m. Sponsorships and tickets are available by registering here: <https://tinyurl.com/wjs6rbj>.

#### Celebrate February birthdays

February’s Birthday Party will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Ellen Mock, vocalist, and Peggy Coppler, pianist. Ice cream and homemade cake will be served. Sign up today for a fun-filled celebration.

#### Skywarn weather spotter training set

A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at <https://wabashin-spotter.eventzilla.net>. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

#### Valentine potluck lunch scheduled

Join the Annual Valentine Exchange and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Pre-registration is required. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12.

#### Laketon American Legion Auxiliary plans Valentine’s Day dinner

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary has planned a special Valentine’s Day dinner for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 15 N. Main St., Laketon. There will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp, potato, salad, dessert, drink and flower for the ladies for \$12.50. Advance tickets and carry-outs are available. For more information, call 260-

306-0162.

#### Wabash Kiwanis Club’s 100th Anniversary Gala planned

The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Hall. For those who can’t attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with “Riley” in the memo line.

#### MSD to host community presentation Feb. 17

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

#### ‘Ask a Teenager Tech Basics class scheduled

“Ask a Teenager” Tech Basics: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Sign up requested by calling 260-563-4475. Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students.

#### Honeywell Foundation’s annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at [mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org](mailto:mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org) or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

#### Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style

From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be announced.

#### Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

#### MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

#### Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150.

For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email [CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu](mailto:CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu).

#### ‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce

Rovelstad at 260- 330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

#### Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting [growwabashcounty.com/events](http://growwabashcounty.com/events), by emailing [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258.

#### Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

#### Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions

The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at [tmreed@manchester.edu](mailto:tmreed@manchester.edu). Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.



# Opinion

## SPEAK UP

How to contact your legislators:

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Washington, D.C. 20510  
202-224-4814  
<http://braun.senate.gov/>

**U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-District 2**  
419 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 123 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 123 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



## DAILY SCRIPTURE

A prophecy: The word of the LORD concerning Israel. The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit in human beings, declares.

**Zechariah 12:1**

# Hopefully, Iowa has failed the nation for the last time

Iowa's Democratic Party had four whole years to prepare for last night's caucuses. It knew there would be a multicandidate scramble to challenge President Trump. It nonetheless proved it was not up to the challenge of making the contest go smoothly. With any luck, this will be the last time Iowa fails the nation in this manner. The first-in-the-nation Iowa caucuses flopped, producing no results as of 1:30 a.m. Eastern time.

With no results reported out, the candidates all tentatively declared victory (if not in so many words), and they are all moving on to New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary. Now, nobody has any reason to care who actually won.

Some people involved with the Iowa Democratic process blamed an app with which results were supposed to be reported. Some people blamed the backup phone-in system for reporting precinct results. As for the state party,

it released a vague statement blaming the new requirement that it tally caucusgoers' initial preferences. "We have experienced a delay in the results due to quality checks and the fact that the IDP is reporting out three data sets for the first time," the statement said. In other words, four years was not enough to arrange a simple count of ballots by precinct. Quality checks? To us, this sounds like they might be afraid of or confused by the fact that the initial preference numbers do not at all line up with the count of delegate equivalents. Having been there on the ground last night, our writers have a few thoughts as to how that happened. Caucuses, it turns out, are a lot more fun than they are democratic. This isn't the first time there have been problems. In 2012, on the Republican side, and in 2016, on the Democratic side, there were bitter debates over who should actually be considered the winner.

We have to say that we are in agreement with Julian Castro, who declared what happened in Iowa a "total mess." As he explained, "People can see with their own eyes tonight the fact that we still don't have any results. Their process is broken. This is not the way that we should start our process to nominate the most important public service servant in our country and in the world." Castro, along with other Democrats, have complained that Iowa gets too much power in the nominating process for a state so filled with white people given the changing demographics of the country. Conservatives complain typically that Iowa's inordinate political clout has allowed the state to perpetuate its own addiction to ethanol subsidies. Perhaps the parties will get their acts together and reform their nomination systems so that they don't begin with this goat rodeo. *This editorial was first published in the Washington Examiner.*



# Democrats need to focus on picking the best candidate to beat Trump

Never forget that this whole sordid saga began because President Trump was desperate to smear Joe Biden's good name the way he smeared Hillary Clinton's – so desperate that he got himself impeached. To a shameful extent, however, Trump succeeded. And if craven Republicans won't punish this amoral and dangerous president at his trial, voters must do so – emphatically – in November. Trump's arms-for-investigations shakedown of Ukraine was

always about the election. He knew that Biden could wipe the floor with him, and so he brought out the playbook he had used in 2016. "Her emails" was to be replaced by "Hunter Biden."

There is not a shred of evidence that Biden's son Hunter did anything more sinister than reap the benefits of having a famous and powerful father. If irony were not moldering in its grave, it would be rolling-on-the-floor laughing at the idea of Trump attacking anyone for nepotism, given his own grasping brood. Ivanka Trump is supposed to have gotten those China trademarks on merit? Jared Kushner is qualified to draw up a Middle East peace plan because he has "read 25 books" on the subject?

The whole thing is, in fact, rolling-on-the-floor laughable. But the Republican Party is willing to keep a straight face and pretend it's not.

If the hidden agenda were not already obvious, Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, gave it away Monday, after Trump's

defense team had spent hours sullyng the Bidens with fact-free mud and innuendo. "I'm really interested to see how this discussion today informs and influences the Iowa caucus voters," she said. "Will they be supporting Vice President Biden at this point?" Questions posed by GOP senators at Wednesday's trial session indicated that many of them are eager to follow Trump down this dark path. Some, like South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, know Joe Biden well and once considered him a good friend. But honor and affection will not stop Republicans from wielding the shiv.

Fairly or not, this does raise vital questions for Biden and for voters who believe that Trump must be defeated at all costs. If Biden is the nominee, there is no question he will face an unending barrage of unfair attacks. "Burisma" will become a Trump rallying cry the way "Benghazi" was four years ago. Biden's strategy thus far has been to remain above the fray, resisting Trump's attempts to drag him into the gutter. Perhaps that will work better for him than it worked for John Kerry when he was being swift-boated to defeat. Perhaps not.

Another option would have been for Biden to face Trump's smear campaign head-on. He could have given a major speech refuting the baseless allegations, with Hunter at his side. He could have demanded to be allowed to testify at Trump's Senate trial to clear his name. He could have put on display all the outrage he must feel at being accused of vague and unspecified "corruption" after a lifetime of public service – and at having his

family, which means the world to him, attacked in such a cynical manner. I understand why Iowa voters, just days before the Feb. 3 caucuses, remain so torn. As Ernst seemed to imply, is the GOP goal to make Democrats wary of nominating Biden, who Republicans still believe is the candidate most likely to defeat Trump and perhaps even help flip the Senate? Or has Trump's tarring of Biden weakened him as a general-election candidate? And is Biden up to the task of matching Trump's bombast with some fire and brimstone of his own? Or not? There is a school of thought that says Trump and Republicans are licking their chops for the chance to run against Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., whom they will portray as the second coming of Lenin. There's another school of thought that says the candidate Trump really fears, perhaps even more than Biden, is former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who isn't even on the Iowa ballot but has been moving up in the national polls. It is possible, at this point, that any Democrat with a pulse could win. But underestimating Trump is what got us into this awful predicament in the first place. We usually look toward Iowa to give some shape and clarity to the presidential race, but this year I'm hoping it doesn't. I'm hoping New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina don't settle things, either. This is a year for the party to slow down, take its time and unite behind the best possible choice. We won't get a second chance. *Eugene Robinson's email address is [eugenerobinson@washpost.com](mailto:eugenerobinson@washpost.com).*

# 'Music Man' economics

There hasn't been anything like this since the New Deal – a policy position so popular, so appealing in every way, and so utterly untenable. It is targeted economic development or eco-devo, a collection of schemes that would make FDR blush.

**Craig Ladwig**



Local and state governments are spending \$70 billion a year nationally on such targeted incentives. Given that level of investment it is surprising there is a city anywhere in the U.S. not rolling in dough. Add it up yourself. You can recognize it in the minutes of your council meeting as tax incentives, job-development, retraining tax credits, tax abatements, infrastructure financing, tax increment financing, outright grants and loans or bonds backed by public funds. We all know what these policies promise but has anybody followed up, actually measured cost effectiveness, how a city is changed politically and economically – or, to pick up a "Music Man" theme, determined whether the musical instruments ever arrived?

Indeed they have, and no they haven't, not right here in River City or anywhere else. Our staff has been unable to find a published, independent, cited study in Indiana or elsewhere that supports using public funds for targeted economic incentives. Not one. Now, there may be a supporting study out there somewhere, for we have not completed a full survey of the scholarly literature. From what we have seen, though, it would be dwarfed by the stack of research to the contrary. At the end of this article there is a partial listing of pertinent papers assembled by Matthew Mitchell of George Mason University.

To be clear, we are looking for evidence of general economic benefit beyond the political lives of the ribbon-cutters on a city council. What is often passed off as science during the early stages of an eco-devo campaign are consulting studies. These are commissioned by the city or the prospective developers. The authors, although often qualified, have an incentive (fees) to error on the optimistic side. Some include disclaimers that their conclusions rest on unconfirmed market data, estimated costs, etc., provided by the client – a suborned guess, in other words. Fortunately, Mitchell and others at George Mason have conducted a survey of the economic literature that seriously compares the performance of targeted economic development incentives with the alternative, free-market incentives. Here is what they found, published in the current issue of "The Review of Regional Studies": While both theoretical and empirical evidence suggest that there is a positive association between economic freedom and prosperity at the state level, the academic literature finds that targeted incentives are less effective in promoting broad-based prosperity.

Targeted incentives entail an opportunity cost. These incentives direct taxpayer dollars to particular firms and industries which might have been used to provide public goods or to lower tax rates for all. While targeted tax cuts and subsidies might spur economic activity among privileged firms, they discourage economic activity elsewhere in the economy by necessitating higher tax rates born by firms and customers in non-privileged sectors. When targeted incentives entail outright subsidies, they encourage investments in which marginal costs exceed marginal benefits.

Subsidies insulate privileged firms from competition, making them less efficient and less accountable to consumer demands. The very possibility of selective privileges encourages firms to inefficiently spend resources seeking privilege from policymakers. Targeted policies reward small, highly-organized interest groups with concentrated benefits paid for by taxpayers, consumers and other competitors. Relative to the beneficiaries, the groups that pay for these targeted benefits are unorganized and diffuse, and so tend to find it costlier to resist these policies, even if the total costs exceed the total benefits. Because the benefits of targeted incentives are immediate while the costs are often shifted into the future, incentives encourage cost-shifting. The result can be more crony capitalism in the economy. To summarize, the logical and mechanical flaws of eco-devo are understood to a degree that ignoring them amounts to malfeasance if not fraud. And yet, pick up a newspaper anywhere in Indiana. It is clear that the policy continues unabated, if you will, with the full support of every governing body in the state.

This, surely, is how society collapses – in a unanimous vote by the local redevelopment commission to the cheers if an unquestioning citizenry.

*Craig Ladwig is editor of the quarterly Indiana Policy Review.*

## HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 2020. There are 330 days left in the year.

### Highlight in history:

On Feb. 5, 2001, four disciples of Osama bin Laden went on trial in New York in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa. (The four were convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

### On this date:

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court.

In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions.

**Thought for Today:** "Men do not desire to be rich, but to be richer than other men." – John Stuart Mill, English philosopher and economist (1806-1873).



# Education

## MSD board convenes for Jan. 28 meeting

By STAFF REPORT

The MSD board met for their regular Tuesday, Jan. 28 meeting, according to a press release.

The student and staff recognitions included:

Technology Assistant Tami Overman nominated Athletic Director Secretary Deb Corn.

“I would like to nominate Deb Corn, NHS Athletic Secretary. Deb has put in over 30 years of dedicated service to MSD in various ways. She is always willing to jump in and help whenever and wherever she is needed. Deb takes great pride in her work and puts in countless hours behind the scenes to ensure that all the sporting events, mini bus schedules and awards programs run smoothly. She has, more than once, taken on the role of both AD and AD Secretary at NHS and kept things running smoothly. I know I can count on Deb to help me with whatever I may need and so can many others. Deb cares about the needs, both academically and personal,

of the students, and is willing and available should they ever need anything. I feel Deb Corn represents what a very dedicated staff member to MSD of Wabash County looks like and is very deserving of the MSD Spotlight,” stated Overman.

Northfield Jr./Sr. High School would like to thank Todd Eltzroth on his work in helping Northfield Jr./Sr. High School being only one of ten schools that has successfully earned the Family Friendly Schools Designation from the Indiana Department of Education.

Sharp Creek would like to thank PBIS Committee and PTO rep Sheryl Hodson for help in applying to be designated by the IDOE as a Family Friendly School. Sharp Creek, as well as NHS, were two of the 10 schools this year to earn this designation from the Indiana Department of Education.

Congratulations to Madelyn Holley, fourth grade; Emily Bever, fifth grade; and Erin Rehak, sixth grade, for being Sharp Creek Elementary School’s Promise Scholars of

the quarter for the second nine weeks.

Southwood Jr./Sr. High School would like to recognize Breklynn Swisher for her selection to the IMEA All-State Honor Band. She performed at the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18.

“Southwood would also like to recognize our female student wrestlers,” stated the release. “Hattie Cochran, grade 10, and Aaliyah Douglass, grade 11, competed in Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Association’s regional competition. They performed very well at the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Association’s Regional Competition and Hattie qualified for the state competition in Kokomo. Hattie subsequently came in eighth at the competition in her weight class.

At the Southwood Student Congress presentation, students shared the success of the Shopping Trip for the elementary, the second Blood Drive of the school year which allows a

senior to receive a scholarship if the quota is matched, and finally that twenty students will be volunteering the Night to Shine.

During Superintendent Mike Keaffaber’s report, the Strategic Plan informational presentations have been scheduled for 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at Northfield Auditorium, and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Southwood Auditorium.

During the curriculum and instruction report, it was revealed three Robotics teams qualified for state. Also, Little Knights/Little Norse and Kindergarten preview nights have been scheduled for Feb. 20 at Metro-North Elementary and Feb. 26 at Southwood Elementary. The Kindergarten Round-up has been set for March 11 at the Honeywell Center.

Under new business, the board approved the purchase of three buses, and the use of school buses to transport students and/or adults with special needs to the Night to Shine event at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School on Feb. 7.

### MANCHESTER RELEASES SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLLS FOR SECOND QUARTER

By STAFF REPORT

Manchester Jr/Sr High School has released its seventh and eighth grade honor rolls for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year, according to a press release.

#### High Honor Roll

##### Seventh grade

Marley Bellinger, Haley Betten, Addison Brubaker, Ayla Cashdollar, Juliana Diaz, Kadence Fox, Alexis Green, Macy Greer, Kaleb Kline, Taryn Naragon, Citlali Quiroz-Alvarez, Audrey Sanson, Caleb Sautter, Molly Schannep, Hanna Stout and Simon Van.

##### Eighth grade

Gracie Batalis, Carleigh Blevins, Leyna Borgmann, Isaiah Burlingame, Olivia Davis, Preston Duffy, Ava Egolf, McKelvey Espeset, Lily Flora, Evyn Fox, Payton Hamby, Jacob Hesting, Kaidyn Howard, Melani Jimenez-Saucedo, Payton Jones, Sarah Kerlin, Mahayla Krom, Sammie Lambert, Sophie Leckrone, Zaine Louvier, Gavin Martin, Evan Martynowicz, Carly Metzger, Maegan Metzger, Malia Metzger, Aymia Miller, Julia Rosen, Brayden Sanson, Riley Shock, Donald Shorter, Gabrielle Simmers, Garrett Sites, Caleb Smith, Joshua Steele, Miriam Struble-Hedstrom, Emma

Ulrey, Casen Vawter, Alexa Weaver and Dairish Zintsmaster.

#### Honor Roll

Sophia Anglin, Ava Baker, Bella Bedolla, Cale Bennett, Gavin Betten, Anna Bishir, Dixie Burrell, Aubrey Carroll, Brilee Enyeart, Luke Gish, Wynter Harris, Ethan Hendrix, Jonathan Hernandez-Alvarez, Evan McLaughlin, Eliza Metzger, Tristan Paquera, Sabrina Patton, Carter Rodgers, Manpreet Singh, Teegan Snyder, Thania Soto, Jaylynn Spriggs, Connor Trump, Carter Wagoner, Dawson Walker, Noelle Walt and Wyatt Young.

#### Eighth grade

Samuel Ayres, Peyton Baker, Presley Bradley, Calvin Brown, Breanna Callaway, Janessa Castle, Tanner Cooley, Ella Crawford, Hannah Eberly, Savannah Evans, Sarah Hall, Dylan Hernandez, Caysen Hobbs, Carolyn Hoffmeyer, Katlin Hudson, Braylon Judy, Gracie Lauer, Isabela Luevano, Kailey Manis, Kenneth Martin, Paulette Martin, Dominick Mayle, Tyler McLain, Brady Meredith, Diego Munoz, Chandler Music, Catrina Newell, Aliyah Nichols, Logan Penrod, Alex Perkins, Samuel Pyle, Olivia Sabo, Kimberly Schroll, Adia Selleck, Keydan Shepherd, Finnegan Sincroft, Oliver Van and Dallas Watson.

### MANCHESTER JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL RELEASES FIRST-SEMESTER HONOR ROLLS

By STAFF REPORT

Manchester Jr/Sr High School has released its first-semester honor rolls, according to a press release.

#### Highest Honor (3.8 to 4.0 G.PA)

##### Twelfth grade

Elizabeth Brown, Mackenzie Day, Colton Dietl, Korbin Hensley, Samantha Kissell, Erin McKee, Skyler Michel, Sarah Pegg, Anna Pyle, Rebekah Pyle, Samuel Reichenbach, Madisyn Schmidt, Justin Self, Avery Snyder and Caleb Stout.

##### Eleventh grade

Peyton Addair, Eva Bazzoni, Carter Bedke, Halle Briner, Elijah Burlingame, Isaac Diaz, Kaden Dillon, Alexa Donathan, Trescott Duffy, Carissa Edwards, Johnathan England, Anthony Foust, Emma Garriott, Brayden Jones, Micaela Luevano, Quinn Martin, Justus Metzger, Kelsey Metzger, Gavin Mize, Margaret Myers, Lilianna Popi, Luke Ramer, Jeremiah Rosen, Torina Runkel, Emily Stambaugh, Guy Stephan, Connor Trout, Brittany Woodward and Allison Zartman.

##### Tenth grade

Jackson Austin, Lauren Barrett, Gabriel Case, Keilan Creager, Jessica Dingess, Blake Drasny, Ethan Espeset, Ridge Fierstos, Elise Harter, Sydni Hernandez, Abigail Hesting, Kayla Hippen-

steel, Lillian Howard, Cade Jones, Lily Kerlin, Lydia Kerlin, Elizabeth Kiger, Josie Kral, Alyssa Marvel, Morgan Metzger, Makenzey Meyer, Jade Michel, Emma Miller, Emma Pyle, Braxton Ream, Frank Roth, Asia Snyder, Kindra Stetzel, Abbie Wampler, Ainsley West and Brady Wiley.

##### Ninth grade

Aliala Atienza, Madison Baker, Tyler Benedict, Logan Bishir, Josie Briner, Will Brvont, Olivia Chavez, Tristan Crum, Olivia Dale, Logan Dolbee, Alesha Edwards, Jackson Felgar, Madison Gano-Eldridge, Traceson Gearhart, Kolby Haecker, Peyton Helton, Delani Henderson, Jasmine Howard, Raven King, Abby Love, Caden Marcum, Hope Martin, Skye McCullough, Lanna Metzger, Laney Miller, Jaci Naragon, Olivia Neal, Sarah Nulf, Kayden Schafer, Muskaan Singh, Eli Sparks and Anna Zartman.

High Honor (3.5 to 3.799)

##### Twelfth grade

Taylor Ayres, Devin Corn, Sydney Diefenbaugh, Isabela Dockter, Madison Evans, Lydia Greer, Kiera Hatfield, Bethany Hollinger, Meghanne Jones, Kreedeen Krull, Timothy Maser, Keeton Moore, Dakota Prater, Drake Sare and John Spangle.

##### Eleventh grade

MyKenna Alexander, Lily Cornelius, Kailea Greathouse-Kerr, Weston Hamby Alexia Hensley, Sarah Holbrook, Justus King,

Sydney McLaughlin, Kayla Metzger, Kedrick Metzger, Jenna Miller, Erica Ortiz, Morgan Parrett, Kaiden Pence, Leonard Pohlenz, Michael Ragan, Zoey Ream, Elaine Shock, Emma Slavkin, Hannah Stafford, Noah Stafford, Beletu Stout, Carter Wilcox and Sheila Winger.

##### Tenth grade

Logan Bishop, Lace Blocher, Kambree Cashdollar, Baylee Chavez, Ethan Cummins, Zachariah Curtis, Austin Fortman, Jayson Gilbert, Justin Hall, Avery Howard, Kayla Moore, Letsly Guerrero Ortiz, Madison Parson, Isaac Reichenbach, Shaylee Schafer, Hadley Schannep, Jaslynn Wright and Erika Yard.

##### Ninth grade

Trinity Akins, Morgan Austin, Mackenzie Beck, Brock Casper, Collin Cummins, Emily Dotson, Avery Isley, Emilee Manns, Brayden Orr, Jalynn Simcoe, Harrison Sturtsman, Landon Veverka, Cameron Wardwell and Liam York.

#### Regular Honor (3.1 to 3.499)

##### Twelfth grade

Reece Adamiec, Keely Anderson, Tyler Andritsch, Emma Bechtold, Gabriella Brewer, Cindy Brvont, Haley Clifford, Addie Haecker, Drake Hatfield, Diego Hernandez, Christopher Hunt, Andrea Kahn, Keaton Love, Taylor McLaughlin, Sarah Metzger,

Chase Miller, Jason Miller, Bailey Mooney, Ashton Moore, Cale Parson, Chase Porter, Tyce Rooney, Marielle Van, Sarah Wagner, Jazlynn West and Karri-gan Yard.

##### Eleventh grade

Leah Betzner, Abby Boyd, Maxton Carter, Jacob Caudill, Shelby Collins, Baylee Fogerty, Johnna Garza, Addison Isley, Karen Jimenez-Saucedo, Rovjot Kaur, Aaron Kline, Albin Lederhilger, Mitchell Manns, Alayna Miller, Catherine Ondria, Dyson Rosen and Trever Schuler.

##### Tenth grade

Kiersten Abbott, Cera Addair, Morgan Alexander, Olivia Auler, Ariana Benfield, Jonathan Eberly, Brittney Evans, Emma Evans, Thomas Fuller, Samuel Hupp, Payten Lassiter, Dominic Lincoln, Dylan Marsillett, Arielle Martin, Raice Martin, Isabella Miller, Tre’ Miller, Ella Oliver, Jack Shoemaker, Gavin Simmers, Paige Smith, Nathaniel Snader, Dylan Stroud, Reese Wagoner and Ty Wheeler.

##### Ninth grade

Jordan Ayres, Rebecca Dingess, Kaitlyn Gish, Riley Hoagland, Morgan Lyon, Caleb Manns, Drew Metzger, Luke Metzger, Caden Miller, Bryce Mugford, Michael Ortiz, Jennifer Perez, Gavin Rockwell, Cameron Shull, Nicholas Snader, Celeste Spaulding-Price and Lane Stetzel.

### STELLAR

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and Community Development Authority (IHCD), the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). It is designed to support comprehensive community development projects to make wide-ranging quality of life impacts through the collaboration among public agencies and community partners. Wabash has nine initiatives with a price tag of \$28,335,517, of which \$15,640,999 is pledged from city coffers, private investment and other sources. That figure represents 55.2 percent of the total, meaning that another 44.8 percent, or \$12,694,650, according to Visit Wabash County

“If the city of Wabash was a member of a regional group, they could still apply but only receive 35 percent of the funding if awarded. This past year, Marshall County Crossroads had a previous Stellar Designee of the city of Culver; so

having a past designee is encouraged but not a requirement,” stated Melissa Thomas, communications manager for the OCRA, in response to a Plain Dealer request.

#### Letters of Intent now being accepted

On Wednesday, Jan. 29, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the OCRA announced that the Stellar Communities Program was open for Letters of Intent.

Launched in 2011, the Stellar Communities Program is a multi-year, multi-million dollar investment initiative led by OCRA, which is overseen by Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch. The program works with communities in creating regional development plans, promoting local and regional partnerships and implementing comprehensive solutions to regional challenges. The program will continue this year with a regional partnership design and select one regional designee.

All participating communities must commit to at least

four years to the project. This collaborative effort brings together mentors and partners to advance comprehensive solutions for regional and local challenges throughout rural Indiana.

Eligible participants include local units of government, a county, city or an incorporated town not currently considered a HUD recognized entitlement community. Only communities that participate in the state Community Development Block Grant program are eligible.

Golden said that although any eligible community can apply, regional mentorships with past Stellar Designees and Finalists are highly encouraged. The Stellar Communities Program manager, Michael Sinnet, is available for consultation and technical assistance.

The Letters of Intent submission process is completed through an online grant management system. All regions must submit the required documentation to be considered. Letters of Intent are due by 4 p.m. April 3. No paper submissions will be accepted and submis-

sions entered after 4 p.m. will not be eligible.

For more information, visit [in.gov/ocra/stellar](http://in.gov/ocra/stellar).

#### 2019 Stellar Communities Designee announced

On Dec. 5, 2019, Crouch announced Marshall County Crossroads as the 2019 Stellar Communities Designee.

In April 2019, the Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced a change to the Stellar Communities Program. Following a thorough review of the regional pilot program and to create the greatest transformational impact, the program now designates one region per year. While the majority of the available resources will be allocated to the designated region, the non-designated finalist regions are also eligible to receive a portion of \$1 million, to be used towards the advancement of their regional development plans.

Marshall County Crossroads is comprised of the Towns of Argos, Bourbon, Bremen, Culver, LaPaz,

Plymouth and Marshall County. Their plan states that, “Great hometowns are the mission and quality of life is the vision. This will be accomplished by creating a quality of life plan that envisions Marshall County in 20 years; and by being more inclusive to include additional community organizations and initiatives.”

Funding made available for the Stellar Communities designated region is derived from multiple existing state agencies and federal programs. Marshall County Crossroads has proposed projects involving public and private dollars and will meet with representatives from the state Stellar Team in the coming weeks to discuss details, including project feasibility, available funding, timeframes and partner participation. Purdue University’s Center for Regional Development will also assist the designee with long-term sustainability efforts and project implementation.

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## Teacher gun training program clears Senate

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana teachers who carry guns in schools would need to undergo annual training under a proposal advancing in the state Legislature.

The state Senate voted 42-7 Tuesday in favor of the bill that specifies a 40-hour training program for teachers volunteering to be armed, followed by 16 hours of additional training each year.

Republican Sen. Chris Garten of Charlestown urged support for the proposal because teachers can be armed with permission of their school districts but the state doesn’t have any training requirements.

The proposal specifies that the training program must include 20 hours of scenario-based training and six hours of marksmanship, along with reviews about lawful use of force and personality screening.









## Eagles take home tourney title

The Emmanuel Christian basketball team took home the Emmanuel Christian Schools Invitational Tournament title on Saturday. The Eagles opened the day with an 81-56 win over Heritage Hall led by JC Frank's 23 points and 20 rebounds. In the championship game, Emmanuel Christian knocked off Harlan 69-60 with Preston Ritzema scoring 29 points in the win. Both Franck and Ritzema earned All-Tourney team honors with the former named the Tournament MVP.

## Bourdais and rookie Kellett complete Foyt's IndyCar lineup

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — AJ Foyt Racing has completed its IndyCar lineup and will use Sebastien Bourdais and rookie Dalton Kellett in its flagship No. 14 car.

Four-time series champion Bourdais will drive the Chevrolet-powered entry in the season-opener at St. Petersburg, Barber, Long Beach and Portland.

Kellett, a Canadian rookie, will drive a third Foyt entry in the Indianapolis 500. He will drive the No. 14 at the remaining eight street and road courses on the circuit.

Tony Kanaan announced last week he was scaling back to race only the five ovals on the IndyCar schedule, and that includes the Indy 500. The 2013 winner only had enough sponsorship for the Indy 500, and his longtime sponsors stepped up to fund the remaining four oval races on the calendar to give Kanaan a proper sendoff.

The Foyt team then turned to Bourdais and Kellett to complete the season. Bourdais was abruptly fired in December by Dale Coyne Racing and has since put together a full sports car schedule, but the Frenchman wanted to remain in IndyCar.

Kellett is a graduate of the Mazda Road to Indy driver development system. He competed in the US F-2000 Series, Pro Mazda Series and spent four years in Indy Lights.

These 26-year-olds were seventh in the final standings the last two years in Indy Lights. Kellett also raced sports cars last year and was part of three class victories and one pole in the LMP2 class.

## Submit your news

The *Plain Dealer* is accepting all news, varsity, junior varsity, middle school, elementary school and non-school affiliated recreational sports. To get a brief in the newspaper, please provide final score and any highlights pertaining to the event, including first and last names of participants. Reports must be received by 3 p.m. to make it in the following day's edition. Items may be:

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Wabash's Derek Vogel crosses the finish line in first at the cross country sectional at Indiana Wesleyan University last fall.

# Vogel commits to IU-Kokomo

By JACOB RUDE  
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Often, college coaches look to minimize expectations on incoming athletes. But Indiana University-Kokomo head coach Jason Vanalstine and assistant coach Josh Colvin had made it no secret how high they see the ceiling for Wabash's Derek Vogel.

Last week, Vogel committed to sign with the Cougars, committing to a bright future in Kokomo.

"It's a pretty close school," Vogel said of why he chose the school. "I like the team. I know them and I've ran against them for a while. It's a nice campus. I've been there a couple times. It all just gave me the best option."

While Vogel was on the team's radar, it wasn't until he scheduled a trip to campus before the Cougars stepped up their chase and secured an athlete that could define the program for years to come.

"Derek made that really easy for us," Cougar assistant coach Josh Colvin said. "I mean, I knew about him but he actually decided to come to IUK for a visit. When I saw that he was coming for a visit, I reached out to him. They came for the visit and said it's the best visit they've had of all the schools that have visited. He said it feels like it's the right fit for him, we think he's definitely going to be a good fit and he's got the ability to compete at the national level in the NAIA."

"In our conference where we compete, we'll definitely have a really good chance for him to be a multiple-time national finalist in cross country and track if he can continue to run as well as he does."

As for Vogel, who will major in graphic design, having a chance to continue the sport he loves at the next level is just as important.

"It means a lot," he said. "I enjoy running a lot. I do it as much as I can. And I like it a

lot because it can, hopefully, push me to the max to potentially becoming a really good runner."

Vogel's accolades have been plentiful in recent seasons on the cross country course. As a junior, he advanced to the state meet where he placed 72nd. As a senior, he led Wabash to back-to-back conference titles and took first in the sectional race before earning his return to the state finals at season's end.

Those performances caught the attention of Indiana University-Kokomo, a side that has struggled in recent seasons. The Cougars, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program, took fifth in the Rives State Conference last season, their best finish in recent years.

With just one senior graduating from that side and with the addition of Vogel, the Cougars are optimistic about what is to come for both Vogel and the team.

"He's going to step in as

probably our best runner," Vanalstine said. "Sometimes there's a transition period learning to run an 8K so I don't want to put a lot of pressure on him to be our No. 1 but on paper, he's the best we've had in five or six years. He should be rising to the top pretty quickly. Like Coach Colvin said, a multiple-time national qualifier is not a stretch at all. We've been talking to him about it already. We're excited to have him."

"We're going to have a deep team next year and, hopefully, he's going to be leading a very deep team."

As for Vogel, his focus will be on earning his spot in the team while vying for a national qualification.

"I'm going to be pushing for the No. 1 spot," he said. "And not just in team. I know that they have a tough conference and I'm going to be pushing to be top five and be the best I can be in that and hopefully make it to nationals."

# Michigan State coach Dantonio retiring after 13 seasons

By NOAH TRISTER  
Associated Press

Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio announced his retirement Tuesday, ending a 13-year run in which he guided the Spartans to heights they hadn't reached in decades.

Dantonio went 114-57 as Michigan State's coach and won Big Ten titles in 2010, 2013 and 2015. The last of those three seasons included a trip to the College Football Playoff, but the Spartans declined after that. They went 7-6 this past season.

The 63-year-old Texan called his decision a difficult one while noting the nonstop demands of the job.

"I will miss it all but feel the sacrifices that I have made away from my family must now become my priority at this time in my life," said Dantonio, who added that he still plans to have a role within the athletic department.

Defensive coordinator Mike Tressel will be the acting head coach while Michigan State seeks a replacement for Dantonio.

The Spartans have fallen from the Big Ten's elite in recent years, but only after Dantonio brought Michigan State to the top echelon of the league — and the nation — during a terrific stretch from 2010-15. A turning point in his tenure occurred in 2010, when the Spartans memorably beat Notre Dame on a fake field goal in overtime. Dantonio had a heart attack in the immediate aftermath of that victory, but he returned to coach his team soon after that and led Michigan State to a share of the Big Ten title.

The Spartans went to the conference title game three of the next five years after that, winning it twice.

Michigan State also dominated its heated rivalry with Michigan for much of Dantonio's tenure. In 2007, his first season at the helm, the Spartans lost to the Wolverines. Afterward, Michigan's Mike Hart referred to Michigan State as a little brother. Dantonio responded by warning the Wolverines that "pride comes before the fall" — and the Spartans won four straight meetings after that.

Even after losing to Michigan the last two seasons, Dantonio ended up going 8-5 against the Wolverines.

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# Click seeks quick success with Astros after replacing Luhnow

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Click knows Houston's sign-stealing scandal has tarnished the franchise's reputation.

Instead of looking back at the turmoil, the new general manager hopes he can help the Astros make a fresh start.

"We're focused on the future," he said. "Obviously, there's been some things in the past that may have, have not gone the way that the Astros organization wanted it to. I wasn't here for that. I'm trying to bring a fresh look."

Click was introduced on Tuesday, joining a scandal-plagued team that scrambled to fill two major roles just before the start of spring training.

Click took over for Jeff Luhnow, suspended for a season by Major League Baseball and then fired. The Astros last week hired 70-year-old Dusty Baker to

take over for AJ Hinch as manager.

The 42-year-old Click spent the last three seasons as the Tampa Bay Rays' vice president of baseball operations. Click had been with Tampa Bay for the last 14 seasons.

Astros owner Jim Crane lauded the combined experience of Click and Baker, who have joined a team that lost a seven-game World Series to Washington.

"They've both been in baseball a long time and have unbelievable experience," Crane said. "We're confident that under their leadership we will win another championship or championships."

Click seemed undaunted at the challenge of taking over a team portrayed as an outlaw. Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred concluded the Astros used electronics to illicitly steal signs during their run to the 2017 World Series championship and again in

the 2018 season.

"My goal is to help us win this year, nothing less," Click said. "I'm confident that with the talent we have in the front office and the talent we have on the field that we will be competitive for years to come."

Click is a Yale graduate and wrote for the analytics website Baseball Prospectus for several years before being hired by the Rays.

Click was involved in guiding and overseeing all aspects of the baseball operations department. His areas of focus were research and development, strategic planning and innovation.

Crane was asked if he was concerned about hiring someone who has never been a general manager to lead his team during these trying times.

"He's worked in almost every department and has tons of experience and was primed to be a general manager," Crane said. "With his experience level, and his interaction with the guys, and our entire staff, I think he's definitely the right person and I have no reservations whatsoever putting them in the job. I know we can do it."

Click is the 13th general manager in franchise history. "Winning a championship is going to be on the front burner at all times," Click said. "I'm really looking forward to getting to know Dusty and everybody here at the Astros and figuring out the best way to do that."

In his report on Houston's sign-stealing, Manfred called the culture in the team's front office "problematic." Before the sign-stealing sanctions, the Astros were widely criticized when assistant general manager Brandon Taubman was fired after yelling at female reporters about closer Roberto Osuna during the team's celebration after win-

ning the AL Championship Series.

Click didn't have any comment on how things were done in the past, but vowed that he'd foster a nurturing culture under his watch.

"Culture is something that I take very seriously," he said. "And I think we'd like to do everything we can to continue to make sure that this is an employee-first culture, the kind of place where people want to work and are involved and engaged in every phase of your life, that continue the positive culture that we have with the Astros."

Crane found a new manager and general manager in less than a month after Luhnow and Hinch were fired on Jan. 13. The Astros also were fined \$5 million, the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, and forfeited their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.



SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Indiana High School Boys Basketball Top 10 Teams				
The Indiana Coaches of Boys Sports Association Top 10 basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses and previous rankings:				
Class 4A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Bloomington South (13)	18-0	260	1	
2. Lawrence North	16-1	230	2	
3. Lawrence Central	16-2	212	3	
4. Lafayette Jeff	17-2	152	4	
5. Chesterton	16-1	131	7	
6. Indianapolis Attucks	13-3	129	8	
7. Carmel	11-4	110	9	
8. S. Bend Adams	14-2	66	10	
9. Brownsburg	14-3	62	6	
10. Indpls Pike	14-4	52	NR	
Others receiving votes: Munster 49, Indpls Cathedral 44, Culver Academy 22, Northridge 14, Hamilton Southeastern 7, Ft. Wayne Snider 6, Jeffersonville 6, Carroll (Allen) 6.				

Class 3A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Silver Creek (12)	16-2	252	1	
2. Danville (1)	15-2	212	2	
3. Heritage Hills	13-3	200	4	
4. Norwell	15-1	181	3	
5. Greensburg	14-2	153	5	
6. Hammond	14-2	122	7	
7. Mishawaka Marian	10-4	77	8	
(tie) Mississinewa	13-2	77	NR	
9. S. Bend St. Joseph's	11-4	56	6	
10. Sullivan	15-2	51	NR	
Others receiving votes: Washington 44, Ev. Bosse 37, Hamilton Hts. 24, Indpls Brebeuf 21, Indian Creek 16, Delta 10, Beech Grove 8, Ft. Wayne Luers 7, Greencastle 6, NorthWood 6.				

Class 2A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Shenandoah (7)	15-1	248	1	
2. Ft. Wayne Blackhawk (6)	15-2	246	2	
3. Linton-Stockton	14-2	204	3	
4. S. Decatur	16-1	164	4	
5. University	14-3	145	7	
6. Westview	13-3	112	10	
7. Prairie Hts.	13-3	102	9	
8. S. Spencer	12-3	95	6	
9. Tipton	13-3	86	5	
10. Ev. Mater Dei	12-4	64	8	
Others receiving votes: Paoli 28, Central Noble 22, Parke Heritage 19, Indpls Howe 18, Churubusco 8.				

Class 1A				
	W-L	Pts	Prv	
1. Greenwood Christian (10)	16-0	250	1	
2. Barr-Reeve (1)	15-1	220	4	
3. Gary 21st Century (2)	14-2	210	3	
4. Loogootee	14-3	169	5	
5. Kouts	15-1	154	2	
6. Lafayette Catholic	12-4	149	6	
7. Bloomfield	11-3	122	7	
8. Covington	12-4	112	8	
9. Providence Cristo Rey	13-3	79	9	
10. N. Daviess	10-7	49	NR	
Others receiving votes: W. Washington 21, Dubois 13, Morristown 12.				

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	10	1	.909	19	3	.864
Florida St.	9	2	.818	19	3	.864
Duke	8	2	.800	18	3	.857
Virginia	6	4	.600	14	6	.700
Syracuse	6	5	.545	13	9	.591
NC State	5	6	.455	14	8	.636
Pittsburgh	5	6	.455	14	8	.636
Virginia Tech	5	6	.455	14	8	.636
Clemson	5	6	.455	11	10	.524
Boston College	5	6	.455	11	11	.500
Notre Dame	4	6	.400	13	8	.619
Georgia Tech	4	7	.364	10	12	.455
Miami	3	8	.273	11	10	.524
Wake Forest	3	8	.273	10	11	.476
North Carolina	3	8	.273	10	12	.455

Monday's Games					
Florida St. 65, North Carolina 59					
Tuesday's Games					
Duke at Boston College					
Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech					
Today's Games					
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame, 6:30 p.m.					
Clemson at Virginia, 7 p.m.					
NC State at Miami, 8:30 p.m.					
Wake Forest at Louisville, 9 p.m.					

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Seton Hall	8	1	.889	16	5	.762
Villanova	7	2	.778	17	4	.810
Creighton	6	3	.667	17	5	.773
Marquette	6	4	.600	16	6	.727
Butler	5	4	.556	17	5	.773
Providence	5	4	.556	12	10	.545
Xavier	3	6	.333	14	8	.636
Georgetown	3	6	.333	13	9	.591
St. John's	2	8	.200	13	10	.565
DePaul	1	8	.111	13	9	.591

Tuesday's Game					
Xavier at DePaul					
Today's Games					
Villanova at Butler, 6:30 p.m.					
Creighton at Providence, 7 p.m.					
Seton Hall at Georgetown, 8:30 p.m.					

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Illinois	8	3	.727	16	6	.727
Michigan St.	8	3	.727	16	6	.727
Maryland	7	3	.700	17	4	.810
Iowa	7	4	.636	16	6	.727
Rutgers	7	4	.636	16	6	.727
Penn St.	6	4	.600	16	5	.762
Wisconsin	6	5	.545	13	9	.591
Indiana	5	6	.455	15	7	.682
Purdue	5	6	.455	12	10	.545
Minnesota	5	6	.455	11	10	.524
Ohio St.	4	6	.400	14	7	.667
Michigan	4	6	.400	13	8	.619
Nebraska	2	9	.182	7	15	.318
Northwestern	1	10	.091	6	15	.286

Tuesday's Games					
Rutgers at Maryland					
Ohio St. at Michigan					
Penn St. at Michigan St.					
Today's Games					
Iowa at Purdue, 7 p.m.					
Wisconsin at Minnesota, 9 p.m.					

Men's Monday Scores					
EAST					
Lafayette 65, Bucknell 62					
Md.-Eastern Shore 68, Delaware St. 66					
SOUTH					
Alabama St. 79, Texas Southern 55					
Coppin St. 64, Howard 56					
Florida St. 65, North Carolina 59					
Grambling St. 90, MVSU 65					
NC A&T 78, SC State 63					
NC Central 69, Norfolk St. 63					
Prairie View 69, Alabama A&M 54					

MIDWEST					
Baylor 73, Kansas St. 67					
Kansas 69, Texas 58					
SOUTHWEST					
Jackson St. 49, Ark.-Pine Bluff 45					
FAR WEST					
E. Washington 77, N. Arizona 66					
Idaho 67, Sacramento St. 53					

Women's Monday Scores					
EAST					
Delaware St. 72, Md.-Eastern Shore 58					
Maryland 94, Michigan St. 53					
Merrimack 80, St. Francis Brooklyn 54					
Mount St. Mary's 67, Sacred Heart 58					
Oregon 74, UConn 56					
Robert Morris 69, Bryant 39					
St. Francis (Pa.) 72, CCSU 68					

SOUTH					
Alabama A&M 54, Prairie View 44					
Florida Gulf Coast 81, Jacksonville 68					
Howard 64, Coppin St. 52					
Liberty 76, Kennesaw St. 66					
MVSU 68, Grambling St. 57					
Mississippi St. 67, Georgia 53					
NC A&T 66, SC State 55					
Norfolk St. 83, NC Central 75					
Stetson 60, North Florida 52					
Texas Southern 81, Alabama St. 54					

MIDWEST					
Indiana 66, Purdue 54					
Miami (Ohio) 70, W. Michigan 67					
SOUTHWEST					
Jackson St. 56, Ark.-Pine Bluff 44					
FAR WEST					
Idaho 70, Sacramento St. 44					
N. Arizona 70, E. Washington 62					

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	36	14	.720	—
Boston	34	15	.694	1½
Philadelphia	31	20	.608	5½
Brooklyn	22	27	.449	13½
New York	15	36	.294	21½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	34	15	.694	—

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

6 p.m.	
CBSSN	— Loyola Chicago at Indiana State
6:30 p.m.	
ACCN	— Pittsburgh at Notre Dame
FS1	— Villanova at Butler
7 p.m.	
BTN	— Iowa at Purdue
ESPN2	— Iowa State at West Virginia
ESPNU	— Georgia at Florida
SECN	— South Carolina at Mississippi
8 p.m.	
CBSSN	— Temple at Memphis
8:30 p.m.	
ACCN	— North Carolina State at Miami
FS1	— Seton Hall at Georgetown
9 p.m.	
BTN	— Wisconsin at Minnesota
ESPN2	— Wake Forest at Louisville
SECN	— Louisiana State at Vanderbilt
10 p.m.	
CBSSN	— Nevada (Las Vegas) at Utah State

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
3 p.m.	
ESPNU	— National Signing Day
GOLF	
11 p.m.	
GOLF	— EPGA/LPGA Tour: The ISPS Handa Vic Open, First Round, Victoria, Australia

HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)

10 p.m.	
NHLN	— Rivalry Series: U.S. vs. Canada, Vancouver, Canada
NBA BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m.	
ESPN	— Orlando at Boston
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ESPN	— Miami at LA Clippers
NHL HOCKEY	
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NBCSN	— Boston at Chicago
TENNIS	
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TENNIS	— ATP/USTA: Montpellier-ATP, Córdoba-ATP, Pune



# NFL 101: What’s ahead as next century of pro football begins

By **BARRY WILNER**  
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI — The NFL’s centennial season concluded with a championship a half-century in the making. Now that the Kansas City Chiefs have ended that 50-year drought and own their second NFL championship, the focus will turn mostly elsewhere in what could be a very busy offseason. The NFL really never goes away, so even as their fans will chant and do the Tomahawk Chop when the Chiefs have their celebratory parade, questions will arise on all fronts. Here are some things to contemplate:

### QB CAROUSEL

It starts – some might say it ends – with Tom Brady. For the first time in his six-ring career, the 42-year-old Brady

is on the market. Maybe the fact the Patriots went 4-4 in the second half of the schedule, blew a bye in the AFC playoffs with a last-week loss at home to the lowly Dolphins and then went out, also at home, to Tennessee in a wild-card game made New England think twice about spending multimillions on a middle-aged man whose skills just might be declining. While it still seems likely Patriots owner Robert Kraft will pony up the bucks – say a two-year deal in which the second season can be voided without too much cost to the team – it’s fun to think of other landing spots for pro football’s most successful quarterback. Try the Chargers if they are looking to make, uh, a charge into the new stadium they will share with the Rams. Brady would be an

intriguing addition down the road from Hollywood, particularly if Philip Rivers is done with the Bolts. Or the Raiders to make a splash in Sin City, though Derek Carr isn’t exactly headed out the door. Though wouldn’t Brady want to go to a potential contender seeking a winning QB to push it to the top? Perhaps Tennessee, where former teammate Mike Vrabel is the coach? Or Chicago with its strong defense? Brady and Rivers hardly are the only passers likely available. Cam Newton, Nick Foles, Joe Flacco, Marcus Mariota, Andy Dalton, Ryan Tannehill and perhaps Jameis Winston could be out there. **OPI/DPI** The adjustment to the pass interference rules that allowed video reviews was a

flop. Coaches who were so adamant about needing a change after the egregiously botched call in the NFC title game a year ago got little to no traction with their challenges. Interference became an even murkier proposition. Will the powerful competition committee recommend more alterations? Or drop the modification altogether? **LABOR AND 17 GAMES** Commissioner Roger Goodell has been encouraged by negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement. The current 10-year deal expires in March 2021, but the league in particular is eager to get a contract finalized well before that. Indeed, well before next season. Union officials are being coy, but simply the fact both sides have been meeting semi-regularly and reaching

accords on a variety of issues is good news. The public expects the main sticking point to be expanding the regular season by one game, which would include reducing the preseason, probably adding another bye week and pushing the Super Bowl back into mid-February. Player safety concerns need to be paramount in any such discussions. But 17 games could be a done deal if the union gets, say, three or four more roster spots per franchise. That’s anywhere from 96 to 128 additional jobs. **TUA** Cincinnati doesn’t need to wait until April 23 to announce LSU All-America quarterback Joe Burrow as the top overall draft choice. That’s a no-brainer, even for the Bengals. And the second pick, barring injury, is not mystery either: Ohio State defensive beast Chase Young to Washington, which already has its QB in Young’s former teammate, Dwayne Haskins. So where does Tua Tagovailoa wind up? Does the projected No. 1 guy just a few months ago fall in the first round? The Alabama left-hander was sidelined in the ninth game with a major hip injury that could slow his debut, perhaps until 2021. So does Detroit decide Tagovailoa can be the heir to Matthew Stafford? Does Miami get Tua at No. 5 or need to move up for what could be its franchise quarterback – or is that too much of a gamble because Tagovailoa could be an injury-prone player with an uncertain medical future? See what we mean about plenty of questions in NFL 101?

# Eyes on Russell, others as NBA trade deadline nears

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**  
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It is the time of year when every injury report causes eyebrows to raise. D’Angelo Russell, not in Golden State’s lineup at Washington on Monday? Hmmm. Tristan Thompson, scratched by the Cleveland Cavaliers for their game against New York the same night? Interesting. That’s because it’s the week of the NBA trade deadline, when teams need to be careful with the health of players they might be trying to deal. The deadline is Thursday at 3 p.m. EST. It arrives quickly now, once the NBA moved it from its longtime spot on the calendar after the All-Star break to its current one the week before. It allows traded players to use the break to acclimate themselves to a new situation, rather than returning to a team that might deal them a couple days later. Russell could be making that adjustment. He’s been considered a trade possibility since virtually the moment the Warriors acquired him from Brooklyn in July in the sign-and-trade transaction that sent Kevin Durant across the country. He’s a point guard coming off his first All-Star season, is under contract for a few more years, and plays in a backcourt where the Warriors will eventually have Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson again. So it was hardly a surprise when word came Monday that Russell wouldn’t play. The depleted Warriors know as well as anyone how quickly injuries came pop up and wreck things. They hadn’t made a trade during the season under coach Steve Kerr until dealing Willie Cauley-Stein to Dallas last month. The buzz remains around Russell, leading Kerr to have conver-

sations with his players he never had to consider before. “It feels different this year obviously, because of the circumstances that we find ourselves in,” Kerr told reporters in Washington. “Definitely different set of circumstances, so I have to address those circumstances as a coach in terms of what that means for our team, for individual players.” A former Kerr player, the NBA Finals MVP from his first season, could be available by trade. Andre Iguodala is still on the roster of the Memphis Grizzlies, who haven’t played him this season. The Grizzlies made a deadline deal last year that made a massive impact on the championship chase, when they traded Marc Gasol to Toronto. He became the starting center on their first NBA title team. It’s unclear if any big moves are left for February after nearly half the players in the league changed teams in the summer. But, without a clear-cut favorite like the Warriors of recent years, more teams who believe they are contenders could be enticed to swing a deal. A player like Tristan Thompson, with NBA Finals experience but now a veteran on a losing team that’s committed to youth, is the type of player who teams could call about. And a team like the New York Knicks, with a number of veterans on short-term contracts but mired near the bottom of the standings, could have reason to be active before Thursday. In the meantime, keep an eye on the lineups. **FLYING INTO FEBRUARY** Portland’s difficult four-game week includes games at Denver and Utah, two of the best in the West. Good thing for the Trail Blazers they have basketball’s hottest player to lead them there.

Damian Lillard averaged 45 points and 11 assists in leading Portland to a 3-0 record last week. He finished that stretch off with 51 points and 12 assists against the Jazz on Saturday, giving him three 50-point games in his last six outings. Lillard has made at least six 3-pointers in six straight games, setting an NBA record, and has been the Western Conference player of the week the last two weeks. The All-Star guard insists he’s not doing it alone. The Blazers have won four straight to pull within a couple games of the final playoff spot in the West. “Of course everybody is going to look at the crazy numbers and what I’m doing because that’s a story, but you don’t win a game scoring 50 points,” Lillard said. “We’re scoring 130 points.” “So I think maybe outsiders might overlook it, but we watch film and we talk and we know what’s going on with our team and we’ve just got to continue to do that.” **GAMES TO WATCH THIS WEEK** Milwaukee at New Orleans, Tuesday. With Giannis Antetokounmpo and Zion Williamson, there might not be this much athleticism again in one place until the Olympics. Portland at Denver, Tuesday. Lillard needs just 45 points and 10 assists to match his average of the last six games. Golden State at Brooklyn, Wednesday. Will D’Angelo Russell play in the arena where he became an All-Star? Indiana at Toronto, Wednesday. Opener of a home-and-home series for a couple of tough Eastern Conference teams. Houston at Lakers, Thursday. Local All-Stars James Harden and Russell Westbrook play in Los Angeles for the first time since Kobe Bryant’s death.

Jacksonville, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars have long-term plans in place to generate more revenue. They expect to break ground on an entertainment district adjacent to their aging stadium this spring and eventually hope to develop the shipyards along the St. Johns River. Both are years from completion. In the meantime, the Jaguars have found a short-term solution: another home game in London. Jacksonville announced Tuesday it has reached an agreement with the NFL to play consecutive home games at Wembley Stadium next season, doubling the franchise’s overseas income and potentially strengthening its foothold in a market the NFL wants to expand. Fan reaction surely will be mixed, at best. “My expectation is that it should be very positive,” said owner Shad Khan, adding that he doesn’t believe playing two games abroad puts his team at a competitive disadvantage. “Everything we’re doing helps the city, helps us. And that’s what you need a small-market team to do to get on competitive footing with ... all the big-market teams.” The Jaguars will play back-to-back games at Wembley to bolster revenue during “a period of significant change within the league,” team President Mark Lamping said. Dates and opponents were not announced. Jacksonville protected home games against Pittsburgh and Chicago, so those teams will play at TIAA Bank Field. Lamping said the recent relocation of the Chargers, Raiders and Rams will move all three out of the NFL’s bottom fourth in local revenue. Jacksonville remains there, searching for ways out. “Makes our path here exiting the bottom quartile of the league more challenging, but we believe achievable,” Lamping said. The Jaguars have played a “home game” at Wembley every year since 2013 and is under contract to do so through 2020. Khan and Lamping expect to extend the contract. It’s unclear whether the next deal will include two games annually abroad. “I’m a big believer in you judge by actions and not just by words,” Khan said. “We’ve talked about possibly playing two games (in London). But we’re not the sole judge here or the decision-maker. I think it has to make sense for the league, which ultimately decides. But right now this is just about two games this season.” The NFL is considering moving to a 17-game, regular-season schedule under the next collective bargain-

ing agreement, a change that could help the Jaguars and other clubs play at varying venues without penalizing fan bases accustomed to attending the same number of games a year. Jacksonville insists playing an extra game in London will help alleviate some financial concerns while “Lot J” is being developed. Khan is sharing the cost of the \$700 million project in the main parking lot adjacent to the stadium. The proposal calls for an entertainment district that includes restaurants, bars, luxury condominiums, an office tower and a five-star hotel. The renovated area could revive downtown Jacksonville and position the area to host “world-class events.” The shipyards are next on Khan’s to-do list, followed by a significant stadium renovation. Khan has personally invested more than \$100 million into making Jacksonville a more feasible NFL market. “We need to continue to do more. We can’t do this overnight,” Lamping said. “These games in London will provide us with financial benefits during a much-needed time during the transition from where we are today until we open Lot J. “We’re more confident than ever that we can be the catalyst to help the Jaguars and the city of Jacksonville realize our full potential.” Jacksonville, which has failed to regularly fill its stadium over the past 20 years (15 losing seasons), more than doubles its single-game revenue by playing overseas. Jacksonville’s ticket, television, sponsorship and stadium revenue streams are smaller than those of NFL teams in larger markets. Earning money in London helps offset some of the disparity, and the game remains a critical part of the team’s long-term plan. The franchise got extended marketing rights in the United Kingdom when it signed its deal with the NFL in 2013 and even has an office and a 50,000-member fan club in London. The Jags credit about 11 percent of their local revenue to playing annually abroad. They expect that number to jump significantly with two games there. While some assume that playing an additional game in London is the next step in Jacksonville moving there, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said last week before the Super Bowl that he’s skeptical about the logistics of having a permanent team overseas. “The issue for us still is: Can we do this competitively for the team that is based there but also for the 31 other clubs?” Goodell said. “That involves scheduling, it involves a lot of other matters that you don’t want to compromise. And until we can get comfortable on that, I don’t think we’ll be NFL-ready in London.”

# Golf rulers says increased distance must be slowed

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
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PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Golfers at all levels keep hitting the ball farther, and the game’s governing bodies plan to do something about it by going after the one area they can control – equipment. The USGA and the R&A on Tuesday released their “Distance Insights Project,” which revealed a steady increase in distance for more than 100 years – with average gains of about 30 yards by PGA Tour players in the last 25 years – and golf courses that keep expanding. “We believe this continuing cycle of courses increasing in length is a cycle we want to break,” said Mike Davis, chief executive of the USGA. The report attributes the distance gains to modern clubs and golf balls, improved athleticism and training, swing techniques geared toward hitting it longer and course conditions with tightly mowed fairways that allow for extra roll. But the report made clear the governing bodies are targeting equipment as it seeks solutions. “We also recognize that

this assessment should not focus on player-related factors that contribute to increased distance, such as improved athleticism and swing techniques, for the desire to improve is integral to the game and is to be encouraged,” the report summary said. “Accordingly, we expect the main topic for research and assessment to be potential changes in the equipment rules.” Among the possibilities is using specific golf balls or clubs that result in players not hitting it as far. The report said equipment committees for the USGA and R&A would look into the option of a local rule “that would specify use of clubs and/or balls intended to result in shorter hitting distances.” That suggests the possibility of tour players using different equipment than recreational players under the guise of a local rule, though the report said any golfer can choose to play with equipment that goes shorter. “We’re still committed to a single set of rules,” said Thomas Pagel, the USGA’s senior managing director of governance. The governing bodies also plan to review equipment testing standards to make sure they are effective in

limiting distance. “The intended purpose of this review is to consider whether any existing specifications should be adjusted or any new specifications should be created to help mitigate the continuing distance increases,” the report said. “It is not currently intended to consider revising the overall specifications in a way that would produce substantial reductions in hitting distances at all levels of the game.” Less clear is when any changes can be expected. The USGA and R&A said they will publish a specific set of research topics within 45 days. After that, they will gather feedback that could take up to a year, and when comments and research are finished, manufacturers would receive notice of any changes. That would begin a new round of feedback. Even so, it was the strongest signal yet that the two groups that set the rules worldwide want to rein in distance. The USGA governs the U.S. and Mexico. The R&A governs the rest of the world. They published a “Joint Statement of Principles” in 2002 that said “any further significant increases in hitting distances at the highest

level are undesirable.” “Golf is a game of skill, a broad range of skills, and no one skill should dominate,” R&A chief executive Martin Slumbers said from St. Andrews. Officials have become concerned in recent years over a style known as “bomb and gouge,” meaning distance is more valuable than accuracy. Some players no longer worry if a big tee shot lands in the rough because they have shorter distances to the green, often with a wedge in hand. Davis said the two groups have spent two years collecting and analyzing data without contemplating how to fix any problems. “We are not in the solution phase,” he said. Along with how golf is played at an elite level, the USGA and R&A said they are concerned over distance increases because of bigger golf course properties that require more water, and how that raises the cost of playing. “Our views have evolved as events have unfolded and new information has become available, just as they may evolve in the future, and we believe that it is never too late to do the right thing for the future of the game,” the report said.



Man facing second divorce mulls reunion with first wife

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married to a wonderful, beautiful woman when we were much younger. We got married because of an unplanned pregnancy. After some years, we both had grown in different directions, and we divorced. We remained friends even after I remarried.

Dear Abby



I'm now in the early stages of my second divorce because I am lonely in a marriage where there's no communication or intimacy. I have tried working things out; my wife isn't interested, so I have given up trying. We no longer have a physical bond, but I refuse to lower myself to cheat to fulfill my needs.

I find myself drawn to my first wife, and I know she feels the same. While I'd like to see how life as a single guy of 55-plus would be, I also want to date my ex. We have a child together, and we have more in common now than before. Can a second time around really work? Or should I first play the field once I am divorced? — Working Backward In Connecticut

**DEAR WORKING BACKWARD:** Because you didn't mention whether your first wife also remarried, I will assume that she didn't.

If you wish to date her — and the feelings are mutual — there should be nothing stopping you. HOWEVER, your idea of playing the field before committing again is wise. I have said before, and I'll repeat it for you: If you and your first wife decide to remarry, it would be a good idea to get premarital counseling together to ensure that all the issues that drove you apart the first time have been resolved.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married 20 years. He is now on vacation in Thailand with his best buddy (without me again) for the third time in as many years.

After doing some research, I have discovered that this place is a major sex tourism destination also known as "Sodom on the Sea." My husband says he stays away from all the hanky-panky and goes there only for the beach, the food, the culture and "guy time" with his best friend. My girlfriends all tell me I am foolish and naive. Am I? — Suspicious In The Midwest

**DEAR SUSPICIOUS:** I have my opinion, but not knowing your husband, I'm hesitant to accuse him of being an adulterer. However, you know him pretty well by now. (I assume that having researched your husband's chosen vacation spot, you have seen your doctor to be checked for STDs.) My questions to you would be — in your heart of hearts — what do YOU think? And if you agree with your girlfriends, what are you prepared to do about it?

**DEAR ABBY:** Many years ago, my wife and I decided we would help each other write our obituaries. I know this may seem macabre, but when she died a few years ago, after 48 years of marriage, it was less stressful to just fill in the date and age. What do you think? — Practical Upstate New Yorker

**DEAR PRACTICAL:** I think that if it worked for you, other readers might consider it. Many people wonder what will be said of them after they're gone. This way, they can add or delete as they wish.

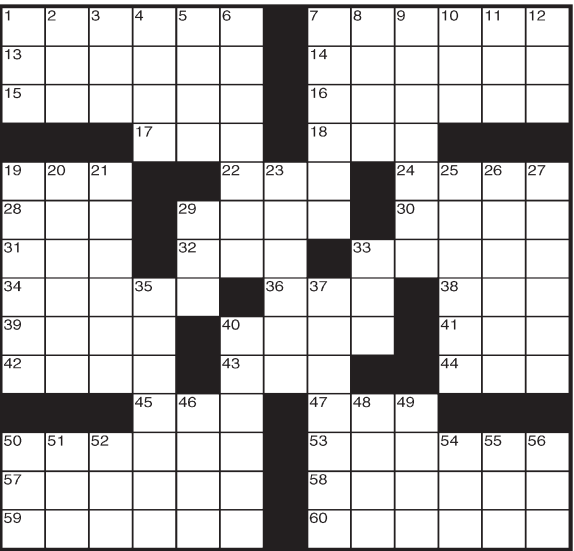
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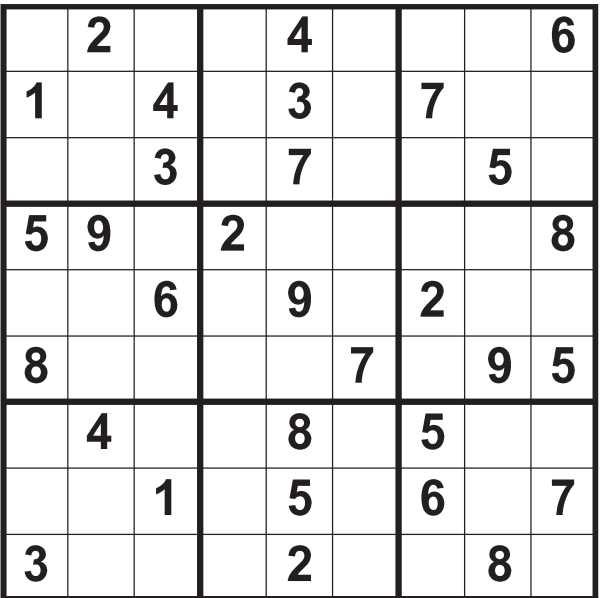
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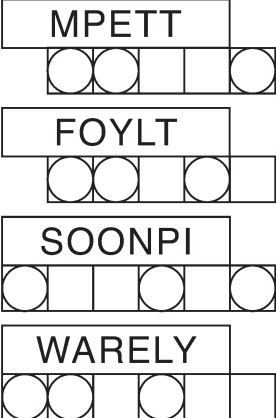
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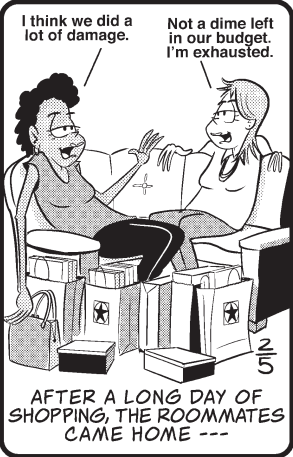
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



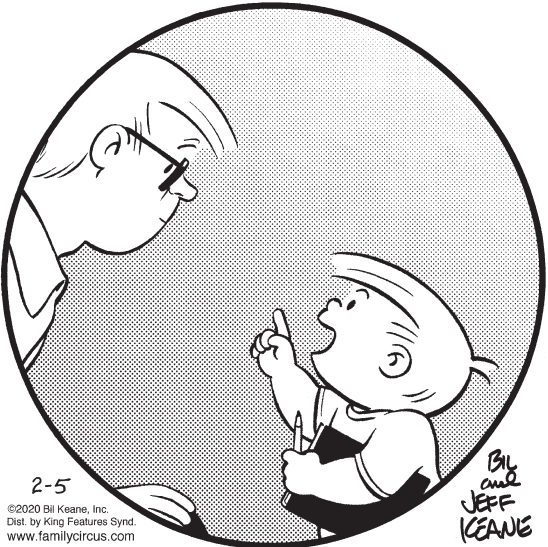
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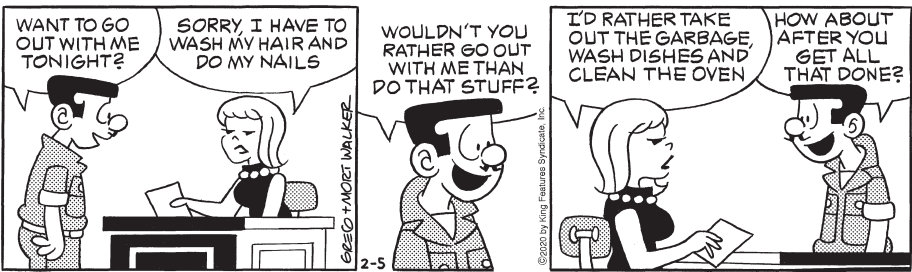
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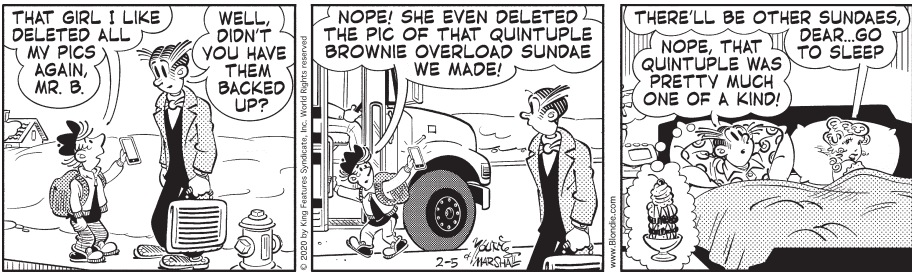


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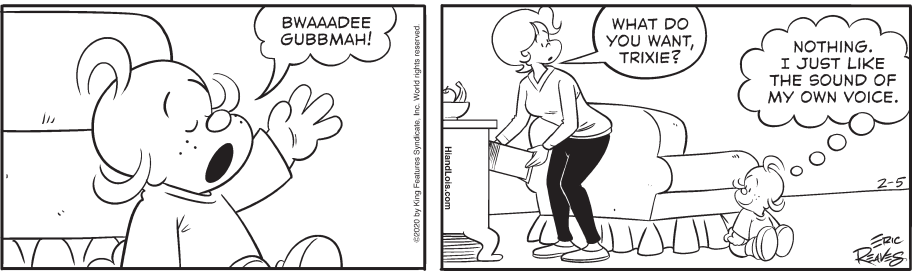
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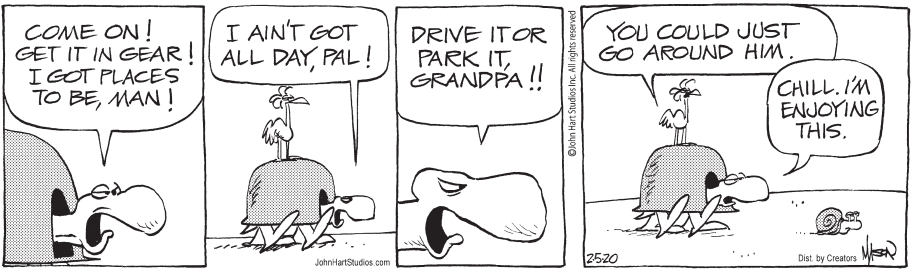
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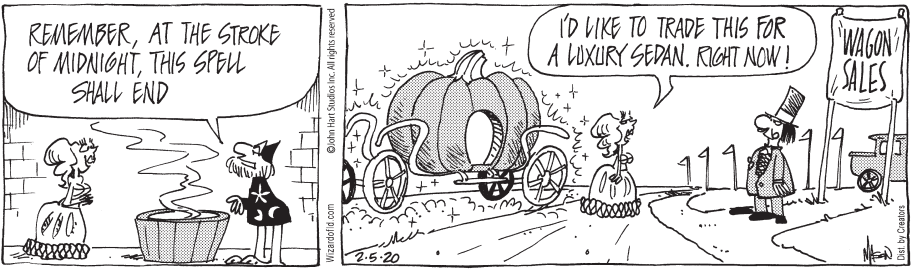
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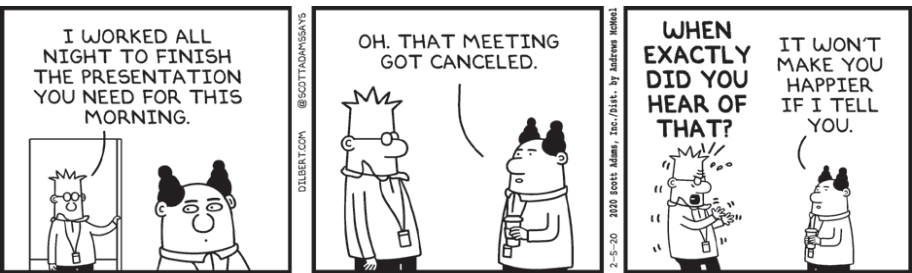
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Jesus is the truth

**Q:** There are so many voices clamoring for dominance particularly among the younger generations. How can we distinguish between a cult and true religion, and even the deception of promising things that won't necessarily come true? — C.D.

**A:** There are many groups vying for listening ears, and there are many anxious to listen. This is nothing new. When there were only two beings on earth, having heard directly from God, they chose, instead, to listen to Satan's deceptive voice. We must remember that a deceptive voice will always call God into question. This is the age-old story of Adam and Eve.

There are at least three questions to ask. One: Is Christ worshiped as Lord and Savior? Some cults dismiss Christ completely or suggest that

He was only a great teacher. Some claim salvation is not to be found in Christ. Many deny that He rose from the grave. The Bible says that salvation is found in no one else (Acts 4:12, 1 Peter 3:18).

Two: Is the Bible (God's Word) central as the one true guide to faith and practice? Cults and false religions often ignore or even deny the full inspiration and authority of the Bible as the Word of God. They often add or substitute a set of manmade teachings (doctrine) not found in Scripture. We must even be cau-

tious of translations of Scripture which twist the meaning of the Bible's clear teaching.

Three: Is involvement with other believers centered in a Bible-believing church where Jesus Christ is worshiped and obeyed? While the church is not perfect, it is important to belong to a church whose foundation is God's Word.

Last, ask God to help you decipher between truth and lies. Jesus is the truth (John 14:6). God will always lead people to His truth.

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "I've grown up with my parents' music tastes, listening to Fleetwood Mac and the Rolling Stones." — Saoirse Ronan

TODAY'S CLUE: A equals K



# Experts prepare but new China virus not a pandemic yet

**By CARLA K. JOHNSON**  
Associated Press

Health authorities are preparing for a possible pandemic as they work to contain a respiratory illness in China that's caused by a new virus. Governments are limiting travel, isolating sick people and keeping travelers returning from the affected region under quarantine to watch for symptoms.

Here's what you should know about the illness:

### Is it a pandemic?

Not yet. The virus is an epidemic in China, where more than 17,000 cases have been reported, but has not affected enough people around the globe to be considered a pandemic. So far, other countries have reported only a few dozen cases, most involving travelers returning from China and their close contacts.

And while there have been more than 360 deaths, all but one has been in China.

Based on the way the virus spread in China, investiga-

tors believe each infection has led to an average of 2.2 others getting sick. That's a bit more than ordinary flu but less than SARS, severe acute respiratory syndrome, a genetic cousin of the new virus.

Governments are preparing for a possible pandemic and taking actions to prevent one.

The World Health Organization designates a pandemic when there are outbreaks on at least two continents. So far, WHO has called this a "public health emergency of international concern."

The 2009 H1N1 influenza virus reached pandemic level. Now, H1N1 is a regular flu virus that circulates around the globe seasonally.

### What is the new virus?

Scientists have identified it as a new coronavirus. The name comes from the Latin word for crowns or halos, which coronaviruses resemble under a microscope. The coronavirus family has many types that affect people. Some cause the common cold while others origi-

inating in bats, camels and other animals have evolved into more severe illnesses such as SARS or MERS, Middle East respiratory syndrome.

### Where did it come from?

The first cases appeared in December in Wuhan, a city in central China's Hubei province. Many of the first people infected had visited or worked at the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan, which has since been closed for an investigation. Chinese health officials say they believe the illness first spread from animals to people. They now say it can spread between people.

### What are the symptoms?

Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. In serious cases, the virus can cause pneumonia. Some patients have needed oxygen. Others have had only mild illness.

It's too early to say whether the new virus will fade out as cold and flu viruses do when winter ends. If it

does, a second wave of illness could start up in the fall. By then, there may be a vaccine to slow it down.

### How is it treated?

The World Health Organization has said there is not a specific medicine recommended to treat the illness, although some will be tested. For now, doctors are treating symptoms with anti-fever drugs. Some doctors are trying antiviral drugs developed for HIV or Ebola.

### How is it spreading?

Many coronaviruses can spread through coughing or sneezing, or by touching an infected person. Scientists believe the new virus can spread from person to person in close contact through the respiratory tract.

Masks can block large droplets from sneezes and coughs. They also can stop people from touching their own mouths and noses, another way to stop germs. Experts say the best way to avoid getting sick from any virus is washing hands with soap and water.

## Changing counts reveal inexact science of calorie labels

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NEW YORK — Almonds used to have about 170 calories per serving. Then researchers said it was really more like 130. A little later, they said the nuts may have even less.

Calorie counting can be a simple way to help maintain a healthy weight — don't eat and drink more than you burn. And the calorie labels on food packaging seem like an immutable guide to help you track what you eat.

But the shifting numbers for almonds show how the figures printed on nutrition labels may not be as precise as they seem.

Last month, Kind said it was lowering the calorie counts for its snack bars, even though the ingredients weren't changing. The company cited studies that indicate nuts have fewer digestible calories than previously believed.

Conducted by government researchers with funding from nut producers, the studies show the inexact method of determining calorie counts established more than a century ago. The widely used system says a gram of carbohydrates and a gram of protein each have 4 calories, while a gram of fat has around 9. Companies can also subtract some calories based on past estimates

of how much of different foods are not digested.

But based on anecdotal comments, researchers suspected more of the nutrients in nuts may be expelled in the bathroom than previously estimated.

"If they're not digested, then maybe the calorie content is not correct," said David Baer, a co-author of the nut studies at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which funded the research along with nut producers like the Almond Board of California.

To test the hunch, Baer and colleagues gave 18 people meals with and without raw almonds and instructed them to return daily with their urine and stool packed in dry ice. The contents were analyzed to calculate that a serving of almonds has about 130 digestible calories, rather than the widely used figure of 170.

A few years later, in 2016, another study by Baer and colleagues also looked at the effects of food processing. They found cooking and grinding helped break down cell walls in almonds, freeing more calories for digestion. Roasted almonds had slightly more digestible calories than raw almonds. When the nuts were ground up into almond butter, nearly all the calories were digested.

Notably, the second study also found raw almonds had even fewer digestible calories than suggested by the first study. Baer attributed the discrepancy to variations in how people digest foods and natural differences in almonds themselves.

"It's unlikely you're going to get the exact same number every time you repeat the experiment," he said.

The almond studies are among several Baer has co-authored on the digestibility of nuts. Another last year was funded by the Global Cashew Council and found cashews had fewer calories than estimated.

Despite his findings, Baer said he thinks the calorie counts used for most other foods are fairly accurate. And even though the U.S. Food and Drug Administration lets companies use different methods to determine calorie counts, the agency says products aren't supposed to have more than 20 percent more calories than what's stated on labels.

That's why health experts said the calorie counts on nutrition labels are still valuable: They offer general guidance for people trying to keep their weight in check. But it's even more important to pay attention to overall diet and not get hung up on small caloric differences, experts said.

"That's not what's going

to make or break someone's attempt at weight management," said Elizabeth Mayer-Davis, a University of North Carolina nutrition professor.

Mayer-Davis said the studies on the calories in nuts wouldn't affect her general advice that they can be part of a healthy diet. She said it's more important to pay attention to how they're prepared, such as whether sweeteners are added.

Kind's founder, Daniel Lubetzky, said he hopes the studies will help overcome the reluctance some might have about eating nuts because of their relatively higher calorie counts. The studies also mean the company's most popular bar can now drop from 200 to 180 calories, which could be a marketing advantage that sways decisions at the grocery store.

"It can't hurt," Lubetzky said

Mars, which took a minority stake in Kind in 2017, said it doesn't have plans to update the calorie counts for M&M's with almonds. The Almond Board says it's not aware of other companies yet using the lower numbers.

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# Maryland man held in bus shooting that killed 1, wounded 5

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LOS ANGELES — A gunman who killed a woman and wounded five others on a Greyhound bus in Southern California was cursing and muttering incoherently before the attack, passengers and authorities said.

Investigators are trying to determine a motive for the apparently random assault Monday that left two people in critical condition.

Anthony Devonte Williams, 33, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, was arrested after passengers managed to disarm him and get him off the bus, California Highway Patrol Sgt. Brian Pennings said.

"There's no indication that he knew anybody on there," Pennings said.

Williams has been booked into jail on suspicion of murder and attempted murder and is being held without bail. It wasn't immediately known whether he had an attorney.

The Kern County coroner's office said Tuesday that 51-year-old Lurbis Elena Vence of Molino, Colombia, died in the attack. An autopsy will be conducted.

The packed bus was heading from Los Angeles to San Francisco when shots were fired at about 1:30 a.m. Monday on Interstate 5 near the small mountain community of Lebec, about 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

The driver and 42 passengers were aboard, including 6- and 8-year-old children who were not hurt.

Passenger Mark Grabban, 29, told The Associated Press that the gunman had been sitting with his leg sticking out into the aisle, muttering to himself incoherently.

"He was just saying weird stuff like, 'You don't know a me like that,' 'Wait till we get to the station,' 'Get away from the dude in the striped shirt,'" Grabban said in a series of Instagram messages.

Suddenly, the man started cursing and shooting, Grabban said. Grabban hid beneath the seat in front of him. He said the gunman fired eight or nine shots that "seemed to go on forever." He added: "I was waiting for one to hit me."

"I thought I was shot because I felt a rush of heat on the back of my head as I went down," he said. "But I guess I just smashed my head on the seat as I went down to the floor."

Then, silence fell. The injured passengers began moaning, and others started panicking.

The driver had pulled to the shoulder of the freeway, where authorities said some passengers managed to get the man off the bus.

"Due to some very heroic acts by the passengers, they were able to overcome this subject and disarm him," Pennings said. "They were able to escort him off of the bus."

The sergeant didn't provide details.

Passengers told Grabban that someone wrestled the gun away from the shooter, but he said he didn't witness it.

Grabban said the driver of the stopped vehicle asked over the loudspeaker if anyone had been hurt and did not immediately pull away.

"Everyone was screaming at him to drive off," Grabban said.

The passengers gave first aid to the wounded as the driver went to the next exit, where he pulled off at a gas station.

Meanwhile, CHP officers took Williams into custody on the side of the road where he had been left.

The gun, a 9 mm semi-automatic pistol, and several ammunition magazines were found in the bus, Pennings said.

Grabban, who was sitting near the back of the bus with his girlfriend, said he had picked up the gun's empty magazine and handed it to the driver. A casing ended up on Grabban's lap, and he noticed a bullet hole in the floor next to him.

"I saw the blood on the floor of the aisle," Grabban told NBC News. "I looked to the woman on the left, and she wasn't responding, wasn't moving or anything. She was lifeless."

A 45-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman were hospitalized in critical condition, a 39-year-old woman had major injuries, a 49-year-old man had moderate injuries and a 50-year-old woman had minor injuries, Pennings said.

The remaining passengers were later driven to Northern California on another bus.

Authorities were looking into whether a video camera aboard the vehicle captured the attack when the bus was at the top of Tejon Pass, which rises to an elevation of more than 4,100 feet in Lebec.

Greyhound prohibits passengers from bringing guns, explosives or dangerous chemicals on board its buses or in their luggage, according to its website. The company declined to answer additional questions about security on its buses.

## As forests burn around the world, drinking water quality is at risk

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Fabric curtains stretch across the huge Warragamba Dam to trap ash and sediment expected to wash off wildfire-scorched slopes and into the reservoir that holds 80 percent of untreated drinking water for the Greater Sydney area.

In Australia's national capital of Canberra, where a state of emergency was declared on Friday because of an out-of-control forest fire to its south, authorities are hoping a new water treatment plant and other measures will prevent a repeat of water quality problems and disruption that followed deadly wildfires 17 years ago.

There have not yet been major impacts on drinking water systems in southeast Australia from the intense fires that have burned more than 40,000 square miles since September. But authorities know from experience that the biggest risks will come with repeated rains over many months or years while the damaged watersheds, or catchment areas, recover.

And because of the size and intensity of the fires, the potential impacts are not clear yet.

"The forest area burned in Australia within a single fire season is just staggering," said Stefan Doerr, a professor at Swansea University in Wales who studies the effects of forest fires on sediment and ash runoff. "We haven't seen anything like it in recorded history."

The situation in Australia illustrates a growing global concern: Forests, grasslands and other areas that supply drinking water to hundreds of millions of people are increasingly vulnerable to fire due in large part to hotter, drier weather that has extended fire seasons, and more people moving into those areas, where they can accidentally set fires.

More than 60 percent of the water supply for the world's 100 largest cities originates in fire-prone watersheds — and countless smaller communities also rely on surface water in vulnerable areas, researchers say.

When rain does fall, it can be intense, dumping a lot of water in a short period of time, which can quickly erode denuded slopes and wash huge volumes of ash, sediment and debris into crucial waterways and reservoirs. Besides reducing the amount of water available, the runoff also can introduce

pollutants, as well as nutrients that create algae blooms.

What's more, the area that burns each year in many forest ecosystems has increased in recent decades, and that expansion likely will continue through the century because of a warmer climate, experts say.

Most of the more than 25,000 square miles that have burned in Victoria and New South Wales have been forest, including rainforests, according to scientists in New South Wales and the Victorian government. Some believe that high temperatures, drought and more frequent fires may make it impossible for some areas to be fully restored.

Very hot fires burn organic matter and topsoil needed for trees and other vegetation to regenerate, leaving nothing to absorb water. The heat also can seal and harden the ground, causing water to run off quickly, carrying everything in its path.

That in turn can clog streams, killing fish, plants and other aquatic life necessary for high-quality water before it reaches reservoirs. Already, thunderstorms in southeast Australia in recent weeks have caused debris flows and fish kills in some rivers, though fires continue

to burn.

"You potentially get this feedback cycle," where vegetation can't recolonize an area, which intensifies erosion of any remaining soil, said Joel Sankey, research geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.

The role of climate change is often difficult to pin down in specific wildfires, said Gary Sheridan, a researcher at the University of Melbourne. But he said the drying effects of wildfire — combined with hotter weather and less rainfall in much of Australia, even as more rain falls in the northern part of the country — mean that "we should expect more fires."

But climate change has affected areas such as Alaska and northern Canada, where average annual temperatures have risen by about 4 degrees since the 1960s compared with 1.6 degrees globally. As a result, the forested area burned annually has more than doubled over the past 20 to 30 years, said Doerr, from Swansea University.

Although there might be fewer cities and towns in the path of runoff in those areas, problems do occur. In Canada's Fort McMurray, Alberta, the cost of treating ash-tainted water in its drinking-wa-

ter system increased dramatically after a 2016 wildfire.

In the Western U.S., 65 percent of all surface water supplies originate in forested watersheds where the risk of wildfires is growing — including in the historically wet Pacific Northwest. By mid-century almost 90 percent of them will experience an increase — doubling in some — in post-fire sedimentation that could affect drinking water supplies, according to a federally funded 2017 study.

"The results are striking and alarming," said Sankey, the USGS geologist, who helped lead the study. "But a lot of communities are working to address these issues," he added. "It's not all doom and gloom because there are a lot of opportunities to reduce risks."

Denver Water, which serves 1.4 million customers, discovered "the high cost of being reactive" after ash and sediment runoff from two large, high-intensity fires, in 1996 and 2002, clogged a reservoir that handles 80 percent of the water for its 1.4 million customers, said Christina Burri, a watershed scientist for the utility.

It spent about \$28 million to recover, mostly to dredge

1 million cubic yards of sediment from the reservoir.

Since then, the utility has spent tens of millions more to protect the forests, partnering with the U.S. Forest Service and others to protect the watershed and proactively battle future fires, including by clearing some trees and controlling vegetation in populated areas.

Utilities also can treat slopes with wood chips and other cover and install barriers to slow ash runoff. They purposely burn vegetation when fire danger is low to get rid of undergrowth.

Canberra's water utility has built in redundancies in case of fire, such as collecting water from three watersheds instead of two, and it can switch among sources if necessary, said Kristy Wilson, a spokeswoman for Icon Water, which operates the system. Water can be withdrawn from eight different levels within the largest dam to ensure the best-quality water, even if there is some sediment, she said.

That is paired with simpler measures such as using straw bales, sediment traps and booms with curtains to control silt, and physically removing vegetation around reservoirs and in watersheds to reduce fire fuel, she said.



